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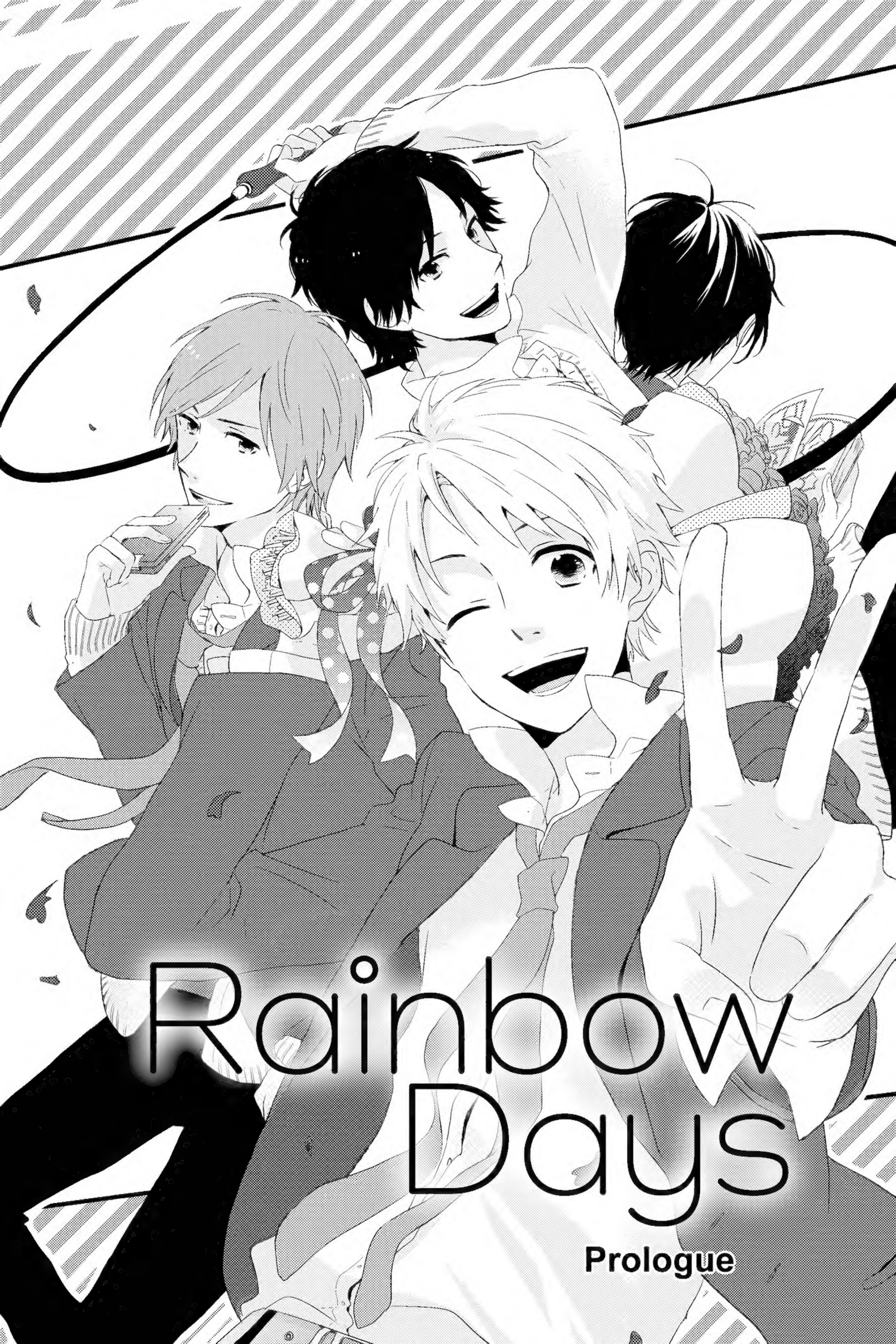
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Prologue





THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
EVENT  
LEFT IN  
THE YEAR!

DECEMBER  
IS HERE,  
AND EXAMS  
ARE OVER  
AT LAST.

SO...

...LET'S  
HUDDLE TO  
PLAN MY  
CHRISTMAS  
DATE!

CHRISTMAS!

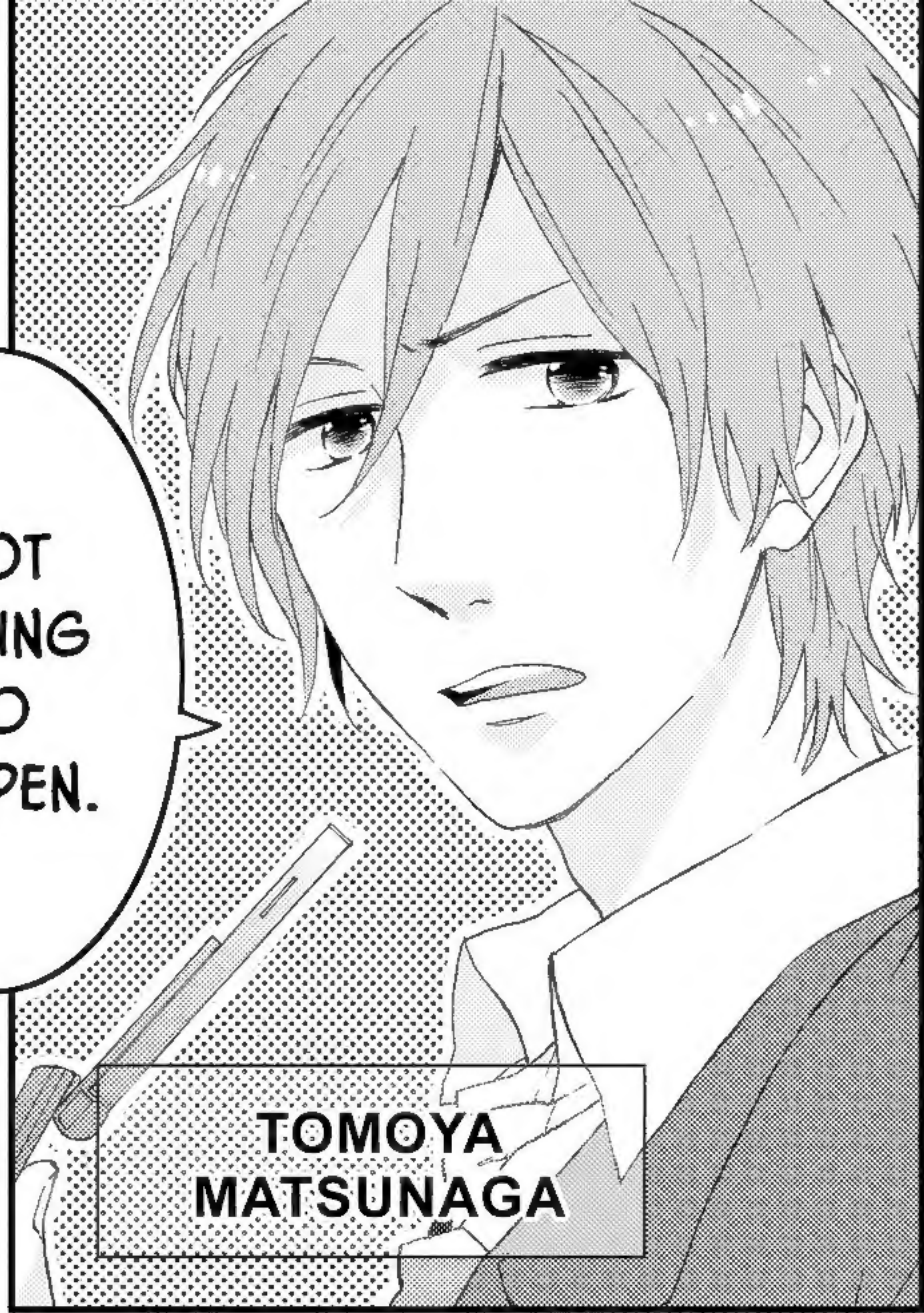
NATSUKI  
HASHIBA





Sorry!

KEIICHI  
KATAKURA



TOMOYA  
MATSUNAGA



FIGURE  
IT OUT  
YOURSELF.

You're a big  
boy now.

I'M BUSY  
WITH MY  
OWN  
PLANNING.

YOU BOTH  
HAVE GIRL-  
FRIENDS!  
YOU'VE GOT IT  
ALL WORKED  
OUT, RIGHT?!

Dates and  
stuff!

WHY NOT?  
COME ON,  
GUYS!

SHE'S  
MY FIRST  
GIRLFRIEND!  
I DON'T WANT  
TO MESS  
THIS UP!

WHAT?!

I'M  
BUSY  
THINKING  
TOO.



FIVE.

HOW MANY  
GIRLFRIENDS  
DO YOU HAVE  
RIGHT NOW?

HUH?  
HOW  
COME?

Look  
at this  
schedule!

DO YOU  
EVEN REALIZE  
HOW CAREFULLY  
I HAVE TO  
PLAN MY  
CHRISTMAS?





I'M NOT SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT APPROACH EITHER...

YOU SHOULD STICK TO ONE GIRL LIKE I DO!

AS ALWAYS, YOU'RE THE WORST...

Mattsun.

But I have to leave them satisfied!

FOR THE OTHER THREE, I NEED TO DECIDE WHO GETS WHICH THIRD OF CHRISTMAS, WHICH EXCUSES TO USE...

I'M SHIFTING TWO OF THEM TO A DIFFERENT DAY FOR BREATHING ROOM...

SORRY, I HAVE TO TAKE THIS.

Hello?



...

I'M SORRY... I WANTED TO MAKE A REPORT.

MASTER, I ENDURED IT FOR 24 HOURS!

YOU WANTED TO BE PUNISHED, YOU MEAN?

GOOD GIRL! BUT DID I SAY YOU COULD CALL ME?

Y-YES, SIR... ♡



...

YOU REALLY MAKE HER CALL YOU "MASTER"?

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING?  
In detail!

WELL, AS PART OF THE TRAINING.

BLUSH

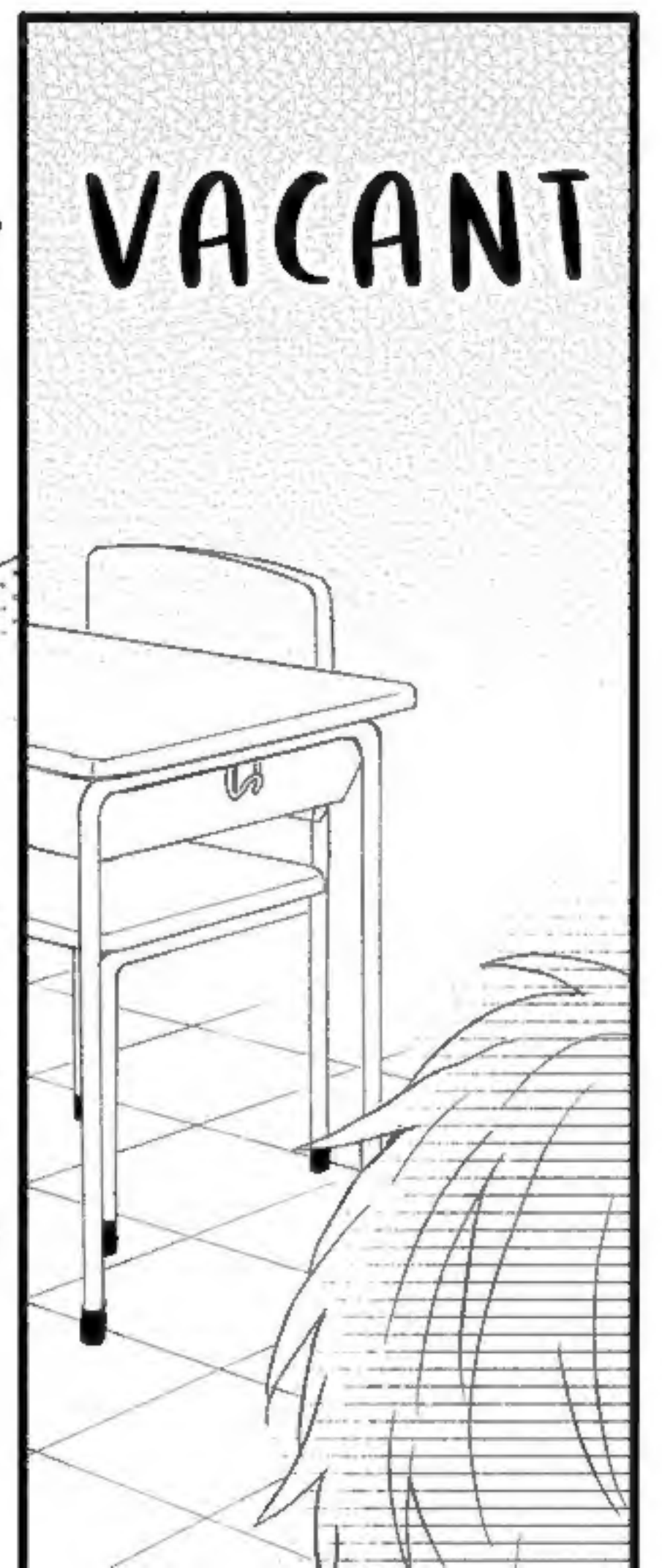
THAT'S NOT WHOLESOME.

You freak.

SEE? A WHOLESOME RELATIONSHIP.

I recommend it!





















BUT...I  
REALLY  
WANTED TO  
SEE YOU.

NO, I'M  
SORRY!  
I KNOW  
THIS WAS  
SUDDEN.

SORRY!  
DID YOU  
WAIT  
LONG?

SHE'S  
WAVING  
TO ME LIKE  
CRAZY!  
THAT'S SO  
CUTE!

OH,  
WOW!

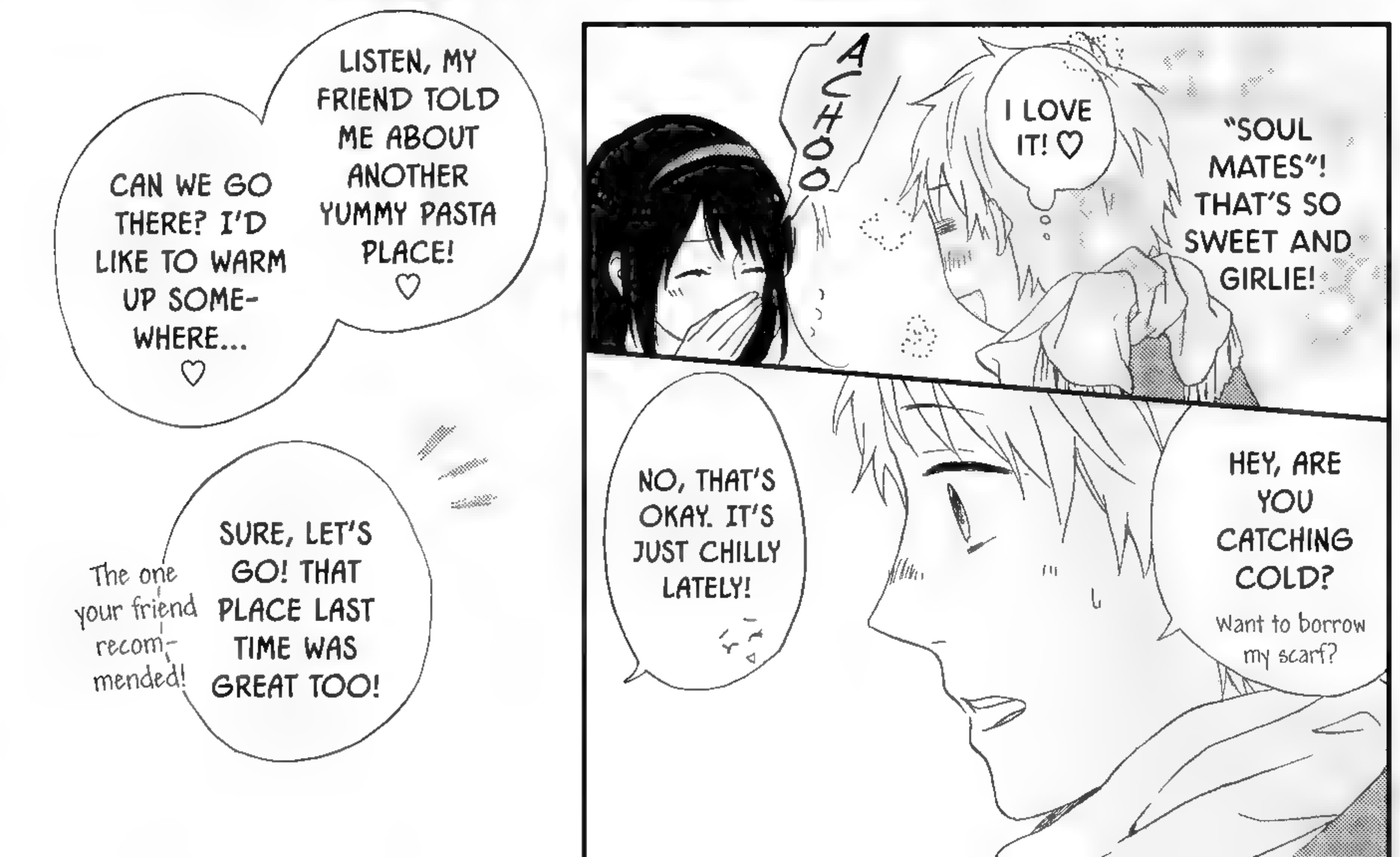


YAY!  
IT'S LIKE  
WE'RE SOUL  
MATES.  
♡

YOU  
DID?

I-I  
WANTED  
TO SEE  
YOU TOO!

THIS IS  
SO AWE-  
SOME!!!



CAN WE GO  
THERE? I'D  
LIKE TO WARM  
UP SOME-  
WHERE...  
♡

LISTEN, MY  
FRIEND TOLD  
ME ABOUT  
ANOTHER  
YUMMY PASTA  
PLACE!  
♡

The one  
your friend  
recom-  
mended!

SURE, LET'S  
GO! THAT  
PLACE LAST  
TIME WAS  
GREAT TOO!

NO, THAT'S  
OKAY. IT'S  
JUST CHILLY  
LATELY!

I LOVE  
IT! ♡

"SOUL  
MATES"!  
THAT'S SO  
SWEET AND  
GIRLIE!

HEY, ARE  
YOU  
CATCHING  
COLD?

Want to borrow  
my scarf?









UH...  
You want  
to?

YAY



WHY  
DON'T  
WE ALL  
EAT TO-  
GETHER?

NATSUKI,  
IT'S  
OKAY.

How  
come  
you're  
always  
busy  
except  
at times  
like  
this?!

**STOP  
CRAMPING  
MY STYLE!**



HEH  
HEH!  
♡

THE FIRST  
MONTH IS  
SUCH A  
GREAT TIME.  
All lovey-  
dovey.

THAT'S  
RIGHT!

...

Wow!  
SO  
YOU'VE  
BEEN  
DATING  
ALMOST A  
MONTH!

**WHY IS THIS  
HAPPENING?!**

THEN GO  
HOME  
AND  
LEAVE US  
TO IT!

READ  
THE  
MOOD,  
YOU  
JERK!









THAT PLACE  
WAS PRETTY  
CLASSY.  
WASN'T IT  
EXPENSIVE?

UH...  
MAYBE  
7,000 YEN  
FOR THE  
FOUR OF  
US?

Sorry  
about the  
seconds!

**EXPENSIVE!**

She  
says the  
cutest  
things...

THAT WAS  
NICE TO  
HEAR.

LATER, ON  
THE PHONE,  
SHE DID SAY,  
"LET'S MAKE IT  
JUST THE TWO  
OF US NEXT  
TIME. ♡"

WELL...

**BLUSH**

**BLUSH**

**SPEN**

**IRK**



DID YOU  
GET A  
PART-TIME  
JOB OR  
SOME-  
THING?

BUT  
YEAH, I  
GUESS  
SO.

WELL,  
THIS WAS  
ONLY  
OUR  
THIRD  
DATE.

It wasn't  
a special  
day/or  
anything.

DO YOU  
ALWAYS  
MEET AT  
FANCY  
PLACES  
LIKE THAT?



BUT  
CHRISTMAS  
ONLY COMES  
ONCE A YEAR.  
I'LL MAKE IT  
COUNT!

IF YOU WANT  
TO MAKE UP  
FOR CRASHING  
MY DATE, HELP  
ME SHOP!



WOW.  
CHRISTMAS  
IS GONNA  
BE ROUGH.

But  
the guy  
pays on  
dates,  
right?

↑  
HIS SISTERS'  
TEACHING

NO...  
ACTUALLY,  
MY FUNDS  
ARE RUN-  
NING PRETTY  
LOW.

...YEP.





Huh?! Just like that?!

I'll take five.

Now, this is a winter design...

**YOU BOUGHT A BUNCH OF IDENTICAL RINGS...**



Huh? In that case...

WHY DIDN'T YOU DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US THE OTHER DAY?

**KLATT**

**THAT WAS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?!**



**AND YOU WENT INTO SOME SHADY SHOP WITH A PINK SIGN!**

Aren't you coming in?

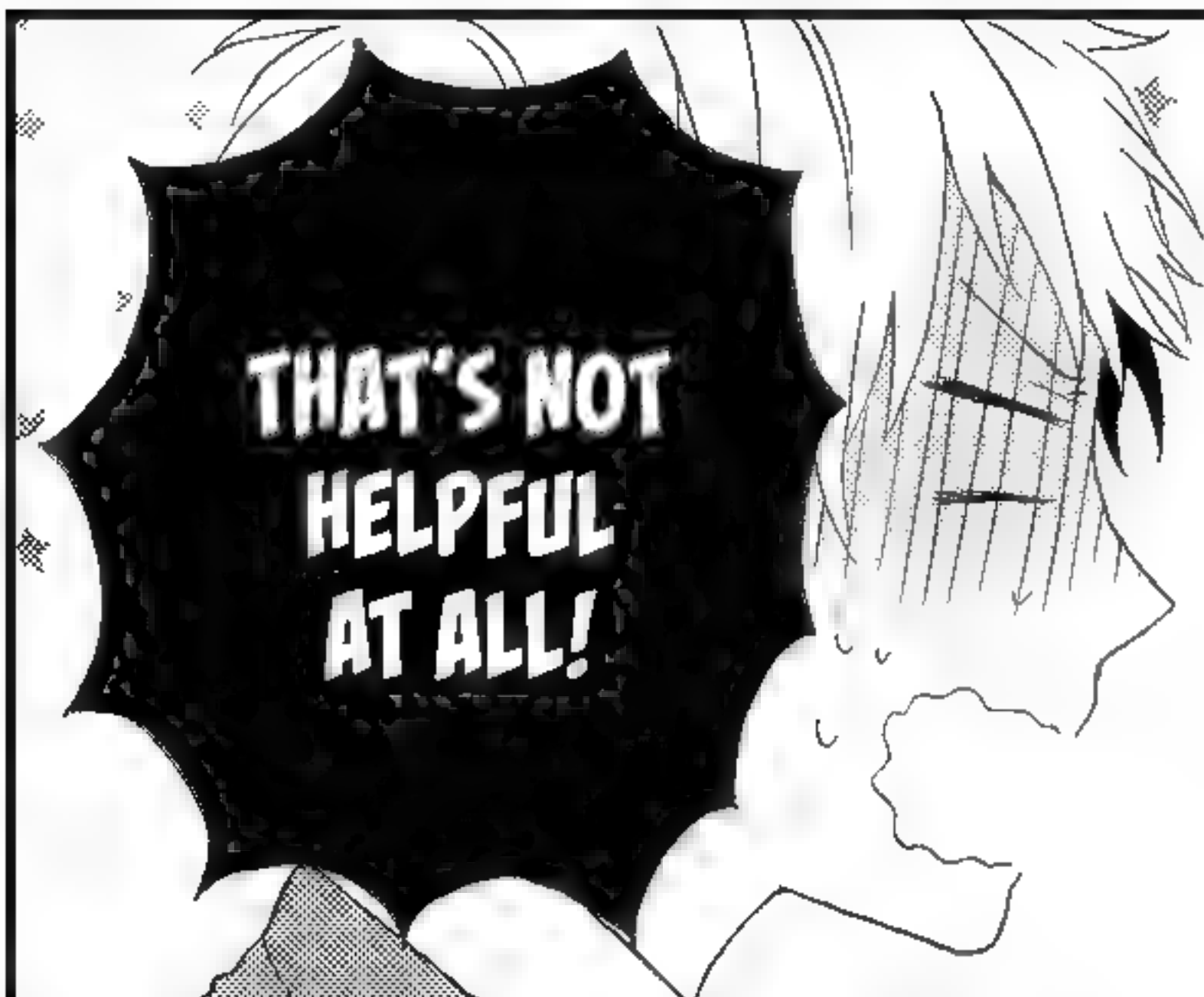
I'll wait here!



YEAH, AND?

Can't go wrong with rings.

I found some good stuff!



**THAT'S NOT HELPFUL AT ALL!**



PLUS, I CAN'T GO TO A STORE FOR GIRLS BY MYSELF...

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.

IS NEXT SUNDAY OKAY?



I DON'T HAVE THE SAME PLAYER INSTINCTS AS YOU!

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE PRESENT, IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU SAY ON THE NIGHT.

You'll be fine!

I GOT MY GIRLFRIEND A SPECIAL, SUPER-EXTREME THAT

**SORRY! NOT LISTENING!**





YOU AND  
MR. KATAKURA  
ARE  
SERIOUSLY  
NOTHING  
ALIKE.



WELL, HE  
GOT ALL THE  
BRAINS, BUT  
APART FROM  
THAT.  
I'm the  
ding-dong.

YOU THINK?  
PEOPLE  
ALWAYS  
USED TO SEE  
A RESEM-  
BLANCE.

HUH.



YOU DO  
REALIZE  
YOU'RE IN  
THIS CLASS TO  
IMPROVE YOUR  
GRADES,  
GENTLEMEN?

YEAH!  
THAT'S  
PERFECT!



OKAY...

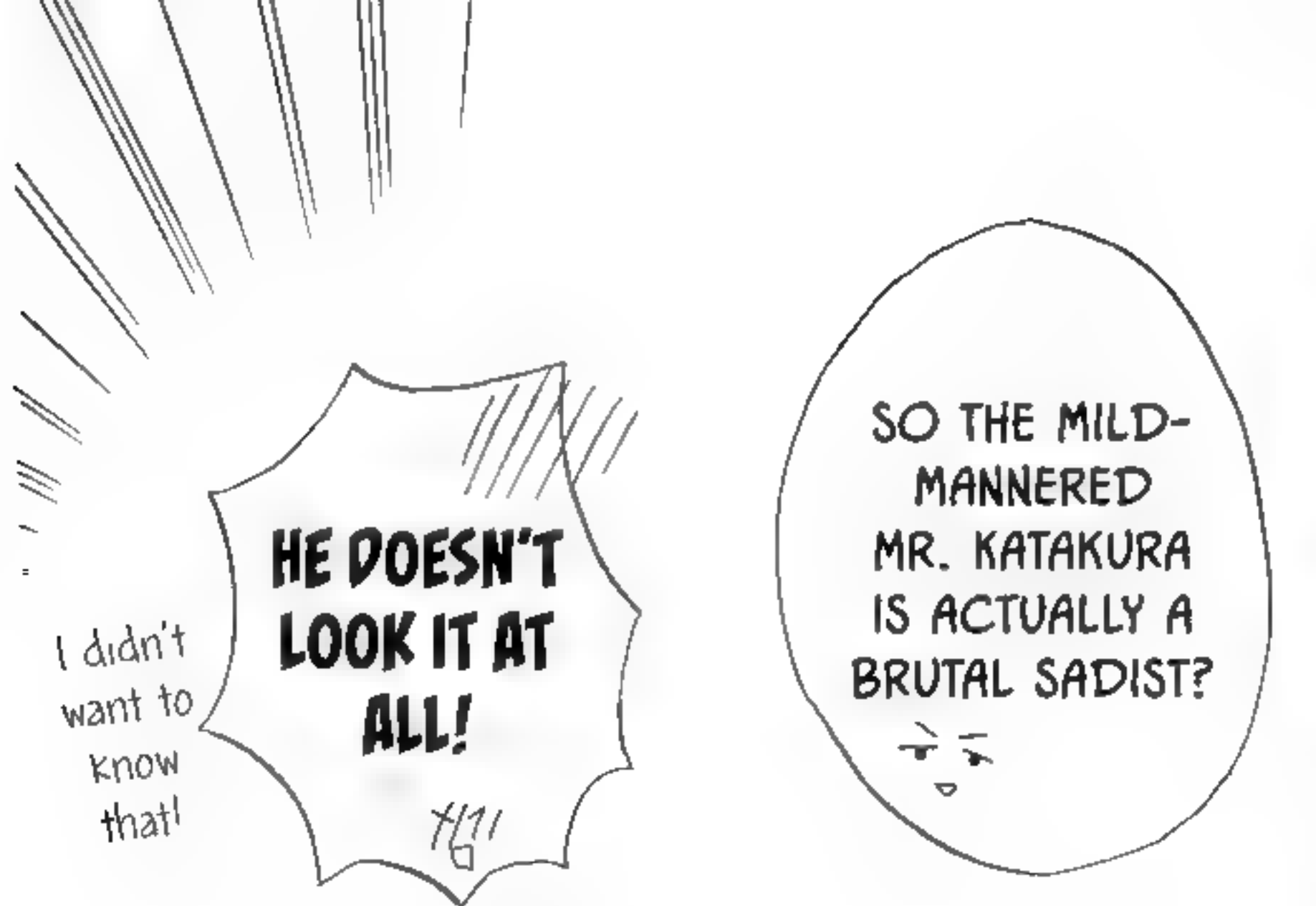
KEIICHI,  
A LITTLE  
MORE FOCUS  
ON YOUR  
STUDIES,  
PLEASE.

AH  
HA  
HA

B  
O  
O  
K

BEEP  
BEEP











THREE HOURS LATER







NOW THAT'S  
WHAT I LIKE  
TO SEE.



HEY, I'M  
HAVING  
FUN.

IS IT OKAY  
FOR US TO  
JUST SIT  
AROUND AND  
PLAY GAMES?

It is Sunday..

I BET HE'S  
REALLY  
AGONIZING  
OVER IT.



HEY, ISN'T  
THAT  
NATCHAN'S...?

HM?

GUY?  
WHAT  
GUY?

SO, YURI,  
HOW'S IT  
GOING  
WITH THAT  
GUY?



.....



FOR  
REAL?

OH,  
HASHIBA?  
NOT BAD,  
I GUESS.

HE HAD AN  
AMAZING  
WATCH ON  
THE OTHER  
DAY.

CHRIST-  
MAS IS  
LOOKING  
GOOD!

HA  
HA  
HA



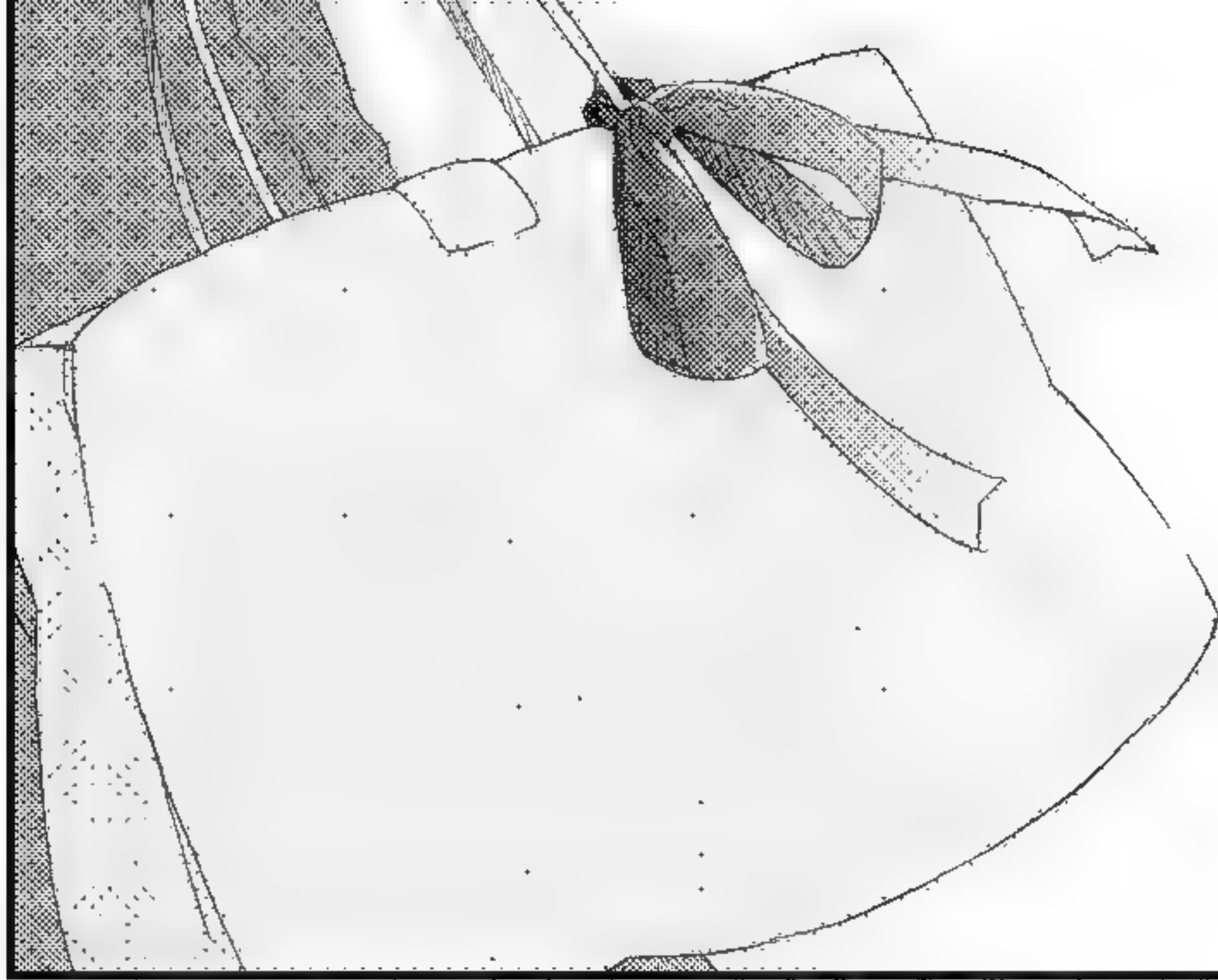
Forget  
monsters,  
I'm  
hunting  
girls!

WANT  
TO GO  
TURN  
ON THE  
CHARM?

TWO  
AGAINST  
FOUR?  
THAT'S  
BOLD.

PIECE  
OF  
CAKE.





UH-OH...

THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN MY JOB! SHE'S SO NICE!

YURI SAID SHE ALREADY MADE A RESERVATION FOR OUR DATE TOO.

I can't turn down such a kind gesture.

I DID IT! I BOUGHT A PRESENT!

AND IT'S PERFECT!

Hey!

MATTSUN!  
KEI-CHAN!

I'D BETTER CALL THE OTHERS...

Where'd they go?

!





I  
WOULDN'T  
BOTHR  
GIVING IT  
TO HER.

I FOUND  
THE PERFECT  
PRESENT!

PERFECT  
TIMING!  
I JUST  
FINISHED  
SHOPPING!

TMP  
TMP



HUH?

I DON'T DO  
TACTFUL, SO  
I'LL GIVE  
IT TO YOU  
STRAIGHT.

THAT  
GIRL'S  
NO  
GOOD.

SHE'S A  
GOLD  
DIGGER.





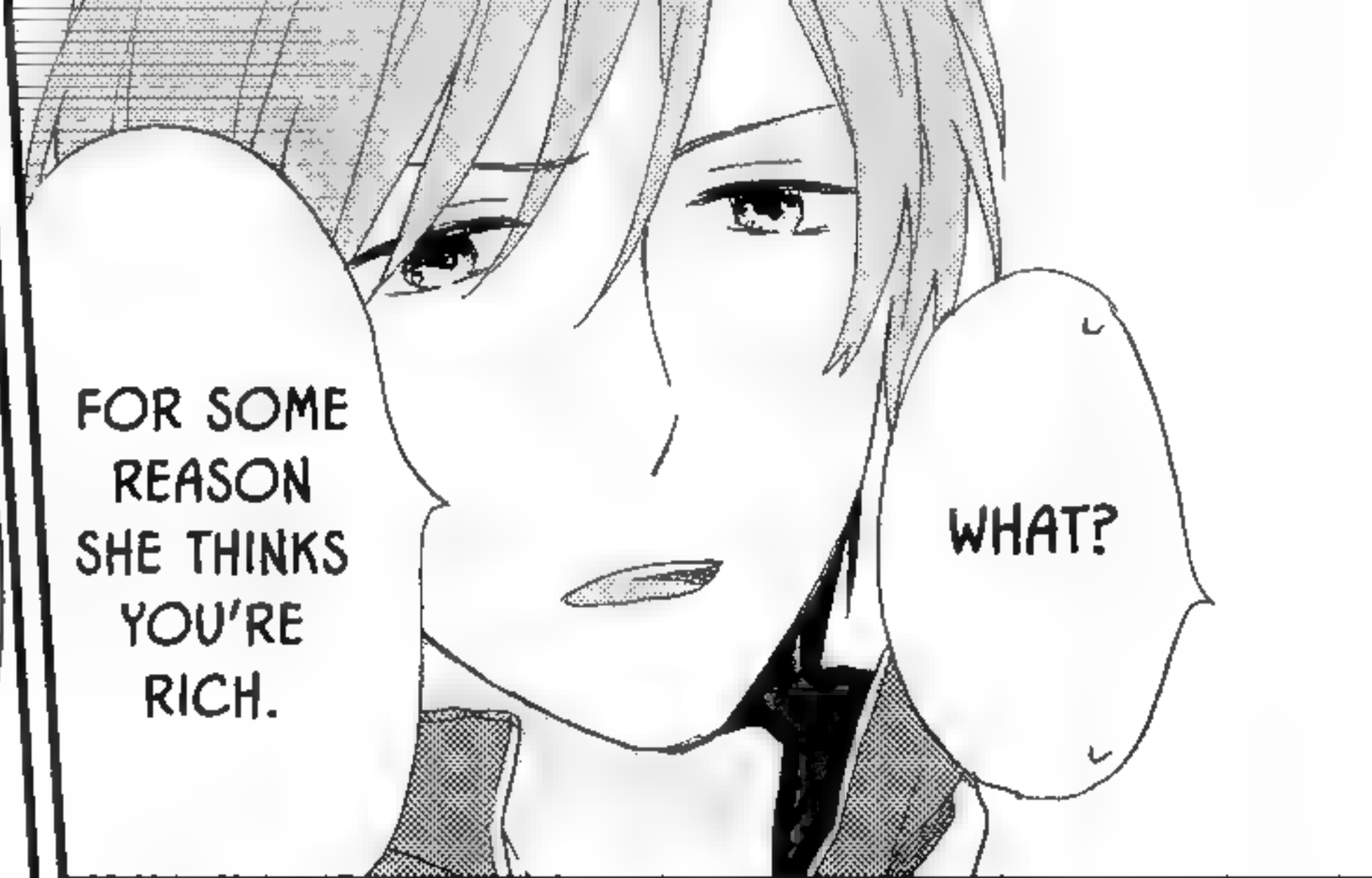
WE JUST  
OVERHEARD  
HER TALKING  
TO HER  
FRIENDS.

SHE'S  
NOTHING LIKE  
SHE SEEMED  
THE OTHER  
DAY.

SHE'S  
SADISTIC,  
BUT NOT  
IN A GOOD  
WAY—

THAT'S  
ENOUGH  
OUT OF  
YOU.

(M)



FOR SOME  
REASON  
SHE THINKS  
YOU'RE  
RICH.

WHAT?



N-NO WAY!  
HOW CAN  
YOU SAY  
THAT?

IT'S  
TRUE.

YURI'S  
SUCH A  
SWEET  
GIRL!



M  
R  
R  
R  
R

WANT TO  
GO BACK  
TO THE  
FOOD  
COURT?

SHE MIGHT  
STILL BE THERE.  
TRUST ME—IF  
YOU SEE HER,  
YOU'LL  
UNDERSTAND.

WE AREN'T  
MESSING  
WITH  
YOU, YOU  
IDIOT!

IT'S NOT  
FUNNY  
ANYMORE,  
OKAY?!

I GET IT!  
YOU'RE  
TRYING  
TO MESS  
WITH ME  
AGAIN!

Huh?!





SO YOU  
DON'T  
TRUST ME.

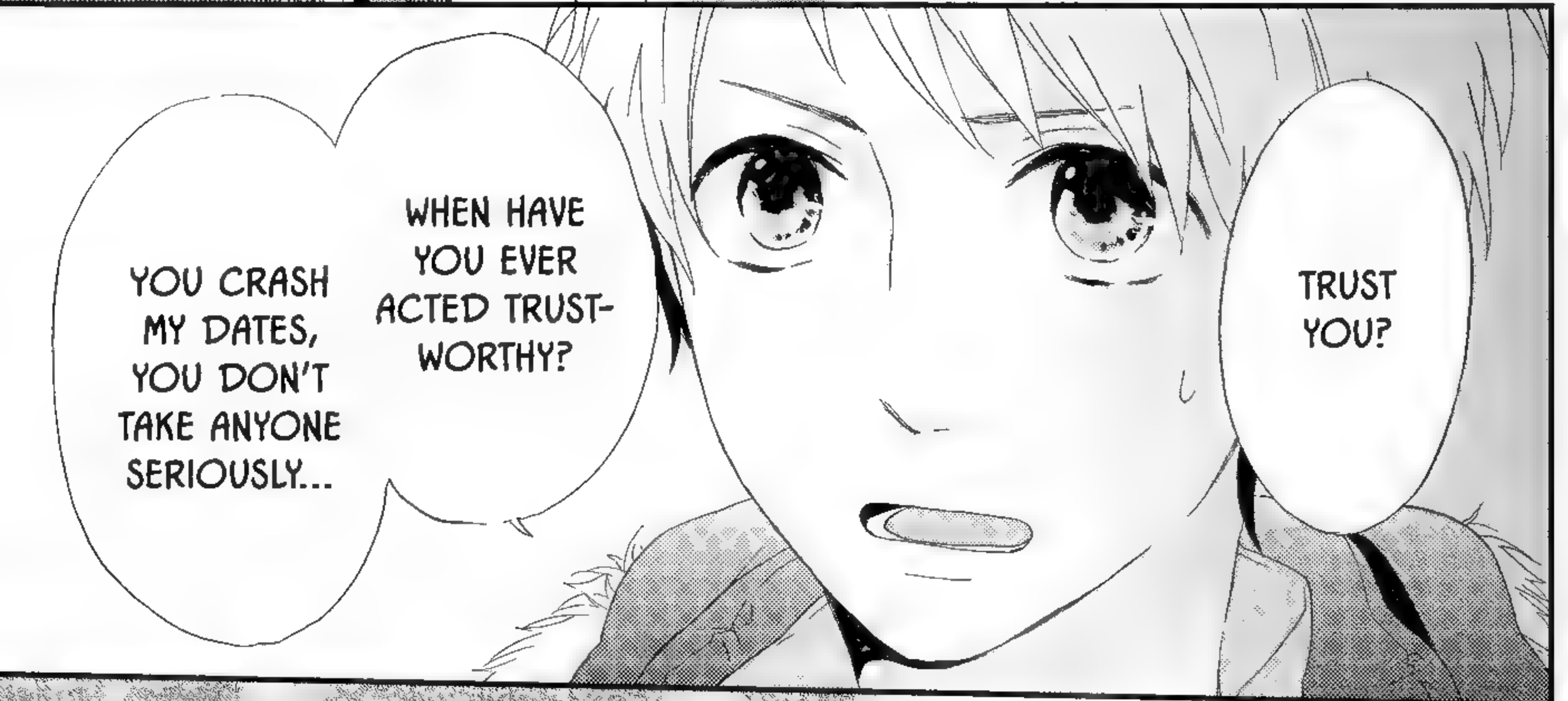
IRK

HUH?!

IRK

I DON'T  
NEED TO  
GO! I KNOW  
SHE'S NOT  
LIKE THAT!

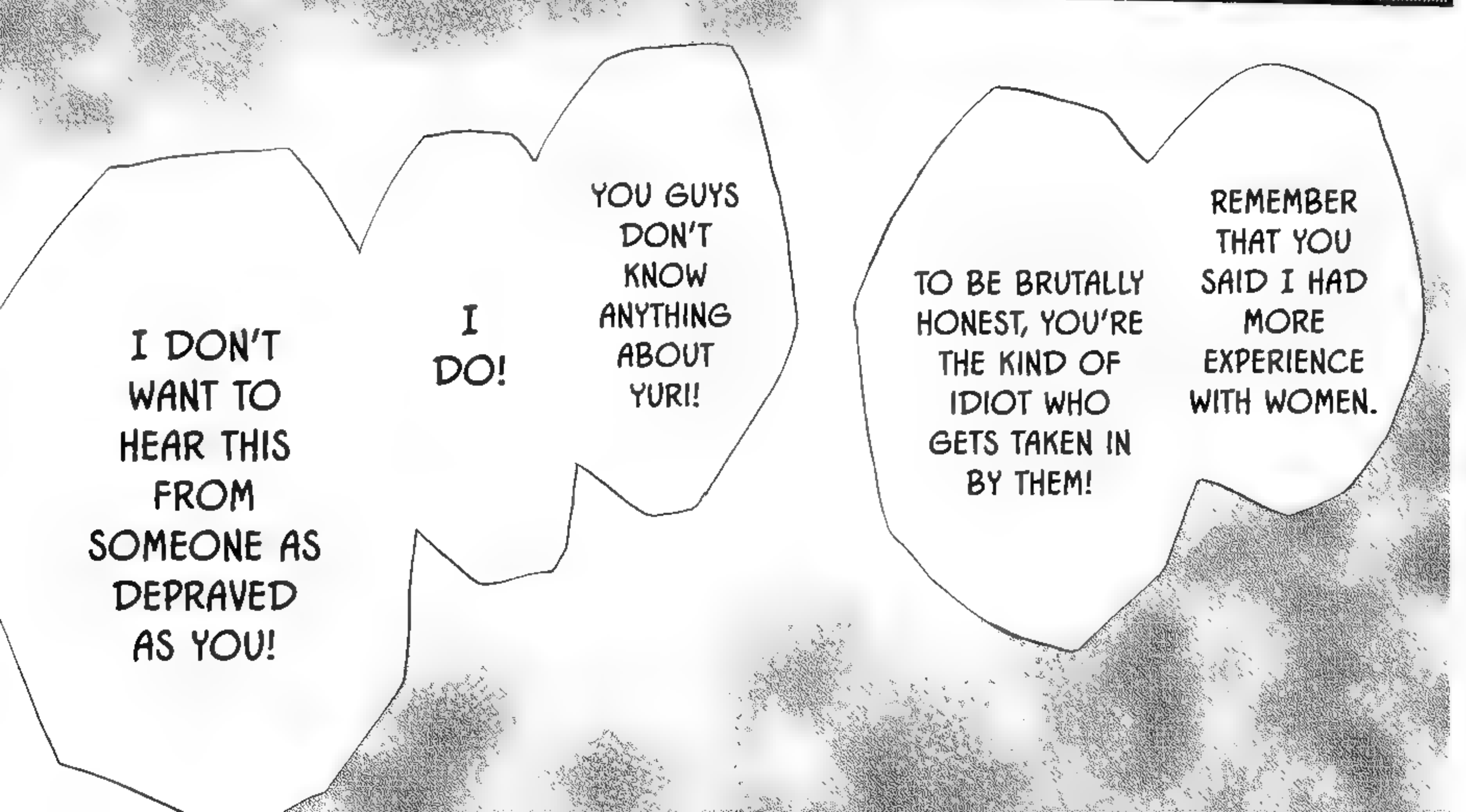
AND IF  
YOU KEEP  
INSULTING HER,  
I'M GONNA  
GET MAD!



YOU CRASH  
MY DATES,  
YOU DON'T  
TAKE ANYONE  
SERIOUSLY...

WHEN HAVE  
YOU EVER  
ACTED TRUST-  
WORTHY?

TRUST  
YOU?



I DON'T  
WANT TO  
HEAR THIS  
FROM  
SOMEONE AS  
DEPRAVED  
AS YOU!

I  
DO!

YOU GUYS  
DON'T  
KNOW  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT  
YURI!

TO BE BRUTALLY  
HONEST, YOU'RE  
THE KIND OF  
IDIOT WHO  
GETS TAKEN IN  
BY THEM!

REMEMBER  
THAT YOU  
SAID I HAD  
MORE  
EXPERIENCE  
WITH WOMEN.



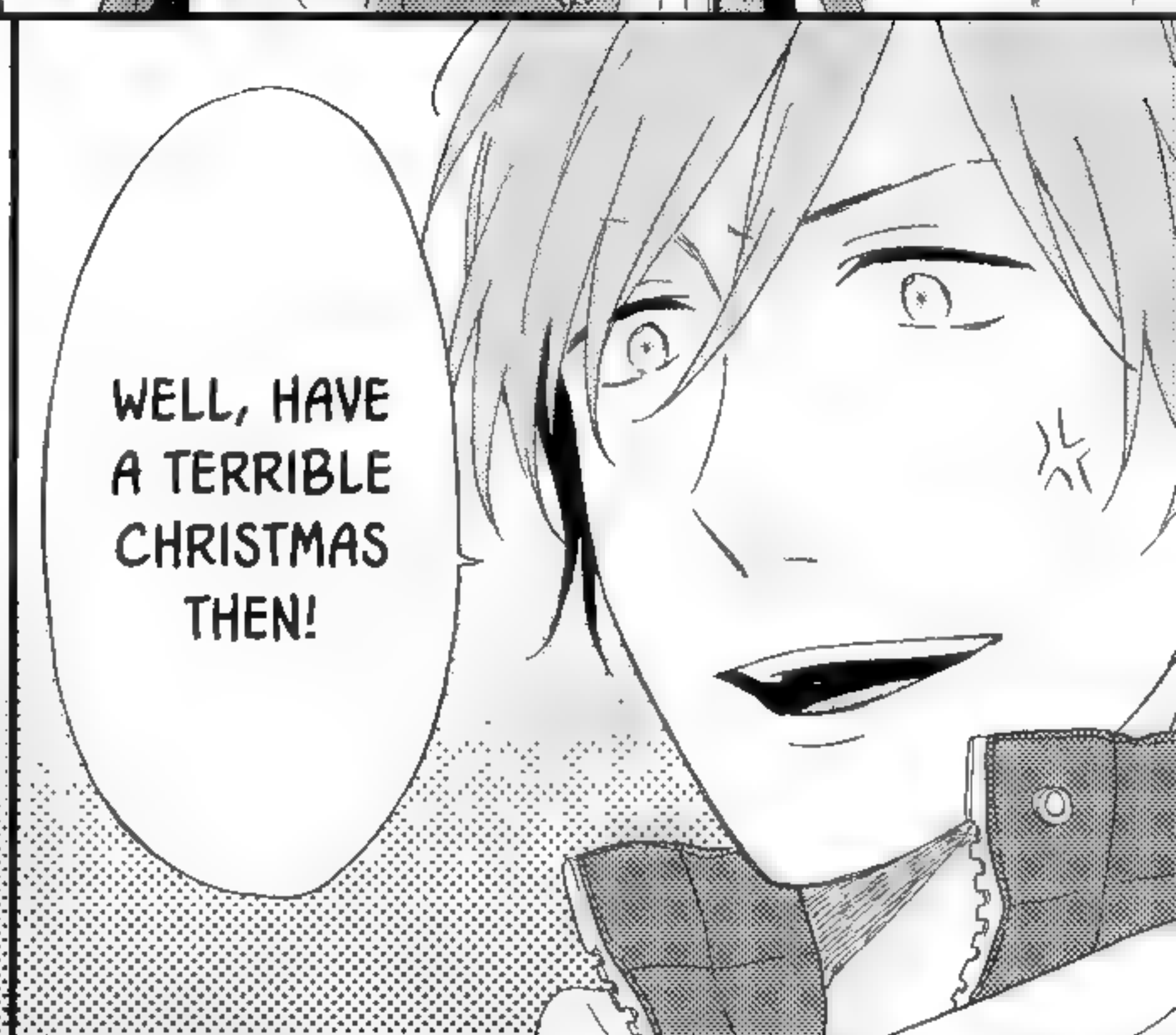


IS  
THAT  
SO?

KREK



I WON'T!  
IT'S  
GOING TO  
BE GREAT!



WELL, HAVE  
A TERRIBLE  
CHRISTMAS  
THEN!



!!!!!

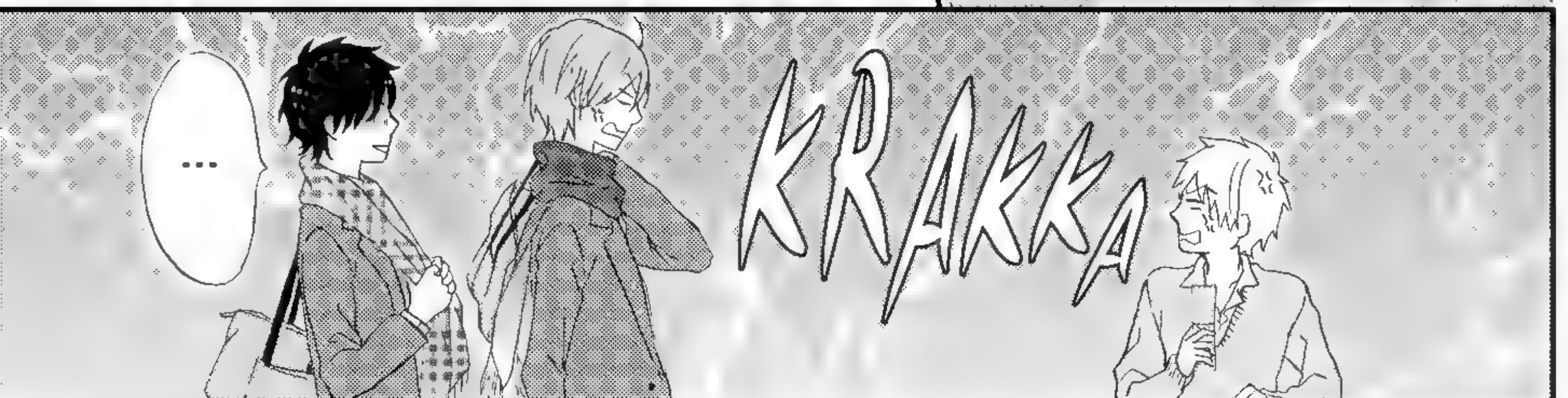


COME ON,  
KEIICHI!

UH,  
RIGHT.

Forget  
this guy!









B-BMP

AL-  
THOUGH...

B-BMP

DO I  
LOOK  
OKAY?

...I HAVE  
TO ADMIT  
I'M  
NERVOUS.



CHRISTMAS!

I'M GOING  
TO MAKE  
THIS THE  
BEST  
CHRISTMAS  
EVER!



YOU MADE  
RESERVA-  
TIONS  
FOR US,  
RIGHT?

"GOTCHA"?!  
SHE'S SOOO  
CUTE!

YES,  
WE'RE  
ALL SET!  
IT'S JUST  
OVER  
THERE!



BWAH!

BOO!



YAY!  
GOTCHA!



Sorry! ♡

YOU  
SURE  
DID!

DID I  
SCARE  
YOU?

HA  
HA  
HA

B-BMP

B-BMP

B-BMP





THOO

OOM

UP ON  
THE 27TH  
FLOOR!



SHE'S  
A GOLD  
DIGGER.

IT'S  
JUST A  
COINCI-  
DENCE.

NO...

THIS RES-  
TAURANT,  
THOUGH...

WHY  
WOULD  
SHE MAKE  
A RESER-  
VATION  
HERE?!

IT'S A  
LITTLE-NO,  
IT'S COM-  
PLETLY  
OUT OF  
MY PRICE  
RANGE.

WHAT'S  
WRONG?

THAT  
HOTEL...

...LOOKS  
SUPER  
FANCY...

...?

ECHO

I  
can't  
wait!  
♥

LET'S  
GO!  
♥

...



WHAT  
DO I  
DO?

LISTEN...

CAN I  
GIVE YOU  
YOUR  
PRESENT  
FIRST?

...

WOW!  
CAN I  
OPEN IT?

THIS  
IS IT.

REALLY?  
THANK  
YOU!!  
♡♡

I REALLY  
THINK IT'LL  
SUIT YOU.

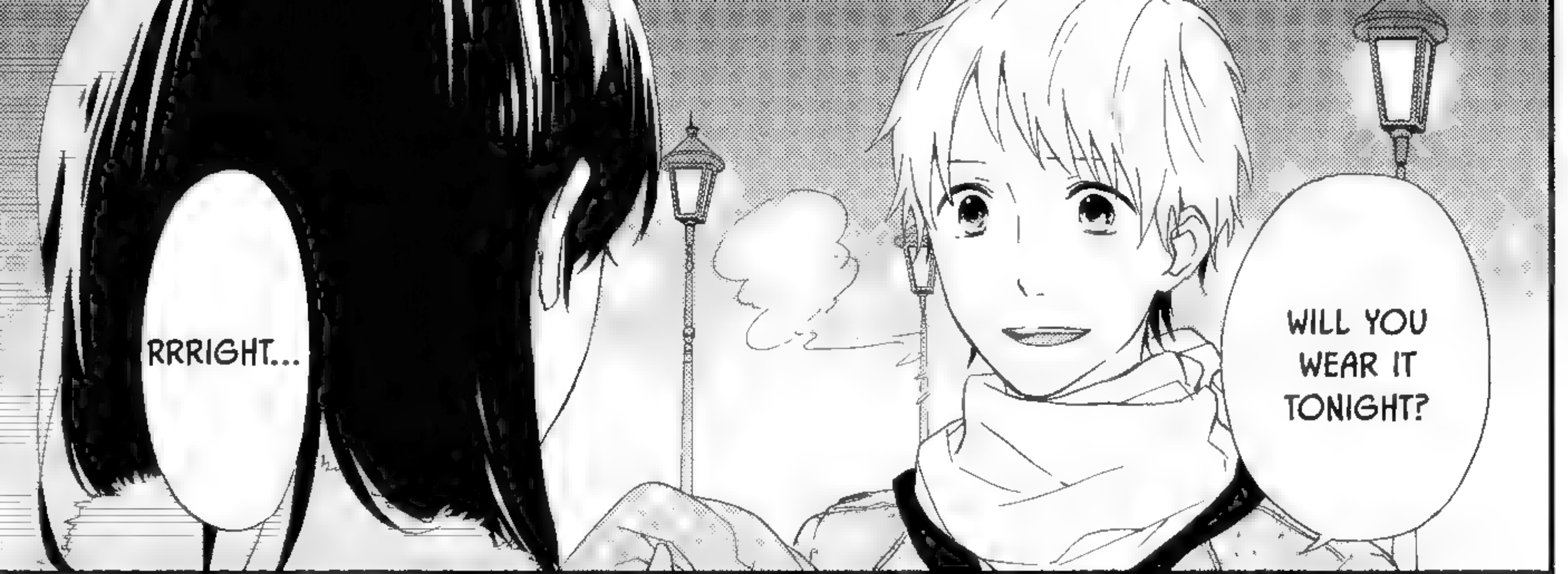
IT'S A  
SCARF.  
WHAT DO  
YOU THINK?

S-H-F-F

...SO I  
THOUGHT OF  
SOMETHING  
WARM...

YOU SAID  
YOU WERE  
COLD THE  
OTHER  
DAY...





RRRIGHT...

WILL YOU  
WEAR IT  
TONIGHT?



WE  
CAN GO  
SHOPPING  
AFTER THAT!  
♡  
RIGHT?  
♡

ANYWAY,  
LET'S  
GO EAT,  
OKAY?

CAN YOU  
HOLD THIS  
FOR ME?

Here.  
♡



COME  
ON!

I  
SEE.

OH.



I WAS REALLY  
HOPING FOR  
SOMETHING  
NICER.

SORRY...  
THIS...MIGHT  
NOT BE MY  
THING.



YOU ALWAYS  
HAVE SUCH  
NICE THINGS...  
BRAND-NAME  
GOODS.

I WAS  
HOPING  
YOU'D BUY  
SOME FOR  
ME TOO.



**NO  
WAY!**

**IT IS  
LIKE  
THAT.**

**I'M NOT  
GOING.**

**TODAY IS  
DECEMBER 24.  
IT'S JUST OVER  
A MONTH  
SINCE WE GOT  
TOGETHER.**

**IT'S...**

**I CAN'T  
AFFORD  
THAT  
RESTAURANT.**

**WHAT?**

**ARE YOU  
SERIOUS?**

**I'M  
SPENDING  
MORE THAN  
I SHOULD  
AS IT IS.**

**MY THINGS  
ARE HAND-  
ME-DOWNS  
FROM MY  
SISTERS.**





SHE DID  
SEEM A  
LITTLE OFF  
TO ME.

BUT  
THEN YOU  
THINK,  
NAH, THAT  
CAN'T BE  
RIGHT.

MY FIRST  
LOVE  
CONFES-  
SION,  
MY FIRST  
GIRL-  
FRIEND...

I WAS SO  
HAPPY.  
I JUST  
WANTED...

...TO  
ENJOY-

WELL,  
THAT'S  
NOT  
ENTIRELY  
TRUE.

...SUCH A  
TRAGIC  
CHRISTMAS  
EVE.



GIRLS  
ARE  
TERRI-  
FYING.

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
SHE DID  
THAT.

HERE.

OH,  
COME ON!  
AREN'T TEARS  
ENOUGH?!

MY NOSE HAS  
TO RUN TOO?  
WHERE ARE MY  
TISSUES?!

I'm  
out?!





SURE.

We're cutting prices!

Come to Songland!

How about some Christmas karaoke?

OH...

THANKS.



WHAT A STRANGE BOY...

HUH?

HA HA

SHE'S HANDING OUT TISSUES ON CHRISTMAS?

IN THIS COLD WEATHER...

!!

EXCUSE ME! IF THIS SCARF CAN BE OF ANY USE... YOU CAN HAVE IT.

I DON'T NEED IT ANY-MORE!

MAKE SURE NOT TO CATCH COLD, SANTA!

RESIGNED



AW, MAN...



...

URGH...

HOONKY





...SO  
HOW WAS I  
SUPPOSED TO  
KNOW THEY  
WERE SIN-  
CERE?!

THEY  
NEVER  
TAKE  
ANYTHING  
SERI-  
OUSLY...

IT'LL  
BE SO  
AWK-  
WARD.

AFTER  
THAT  
BIG  
FIGHT...

WHAT  
DO I SAY  
TO THE  
GUYS?

NO,  
THAT'S  
NOT  
TRUE.

I'M JUST  
BEING  
STUBBORN.

ARGUING  
WITH  
HIMSELF



IF I SAID,  
"SORRY, I  
WAS BEING  
STUPID"...

IF I  
APOLOGIZED,  
WOULD THEY  
FORGIVE  
ME?



NOT  
THAT I  
EVEN  
KNOW...

...WOULD  
THAT MAKE  
IT OKAY?

...WHERE  
THEY...

















SERI-  
OUSLY...

I'M  
SORRY.



HA  
HA  
HA  
HEEZE

I REALLY  
CAN'T  
STOP!!!

NO!

AH  
HA  
HA  
HA

YEAH!  
APOLO-  
GIZE  
PROP-  
ERLY!

CAN'T YOU  
SAY THAT  
WITHOUT  
LAUGHING?



THREE  
COMPLETE  
IDIOTS!

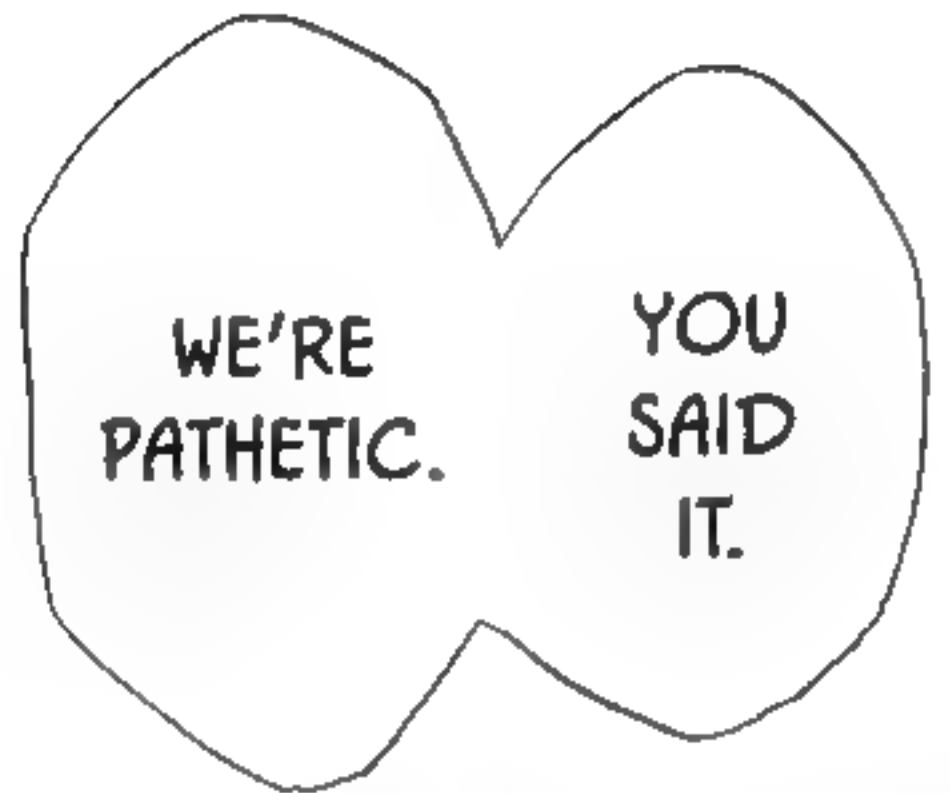
LOOK  
AT US.





RIGHT?

HA  
HA  
HA



WE'RE  
PATHETIC.

YOU  
SAID  
IT.



AHHH



IS YOUR  
PLACE  
OKAY,  
NATCHAN?

SURE!

I'M GONNA  
DROWN MY  
SORROWS  
IN CAKE.

GUYS,  
I JUST  
REALIZED...  
WE ALL GOT  
THE SAME  
THING FOR  
CHRIST-  
MAS!

WANT TO  
START  
CHRISTMAS  
OVER?

GOOD  
IDEA!  
LET'S GET  
A CAKE  
AND SOME  
SNACKS!



WE STICK  
TOGETHER.

HA  
HA

Not  
funny!

Stop  
it!

DUMPED!

GOOFING  
AROUND...

SOMETIMES  
FIGHTING...

YEAH, I'VE  
BEEN FINE  
SINCE THE  
22ND.

YOU  
OVER  
THAT  
FLU?

Hey!  
TSUYOPON!  
JUST IN  
TIME FOR  
THE LAST  
DAY.

MORNING.

ALWAYS  
CHANGING...

ALWAYS  
BUSY,  
BUT...





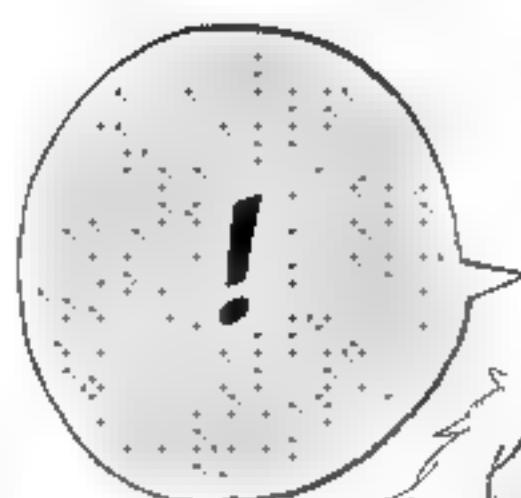
AND ON  
CHRISTMAS,  
I GOT A  
GIRLFRIEND.

...WILL  
BE  
GREAT.

...AND THE  
NEXT-DAY...

I THINK  
TOMORROW...

...AND THE  
NEXT...



WHAT THE  
HELL DID  
YOU DO?!

UH...  
ROMANCE?

BUT YOU  
NEVER  
LEAVE THE  
HOUSE!

WHY IS  
SHE A  
NURSE?

SHE'S A  
COS-  
PLAYER.

OOH!



# Rainbow Days

## Chapter 1





Rainbow  
Days





SANTA WAS  
HARD AT  
WORK IN  
THE EVENING  
CHILL...

ON  
CHRISTMAS  
EVE...

*HERE.*

...SO I GAVE  
HER THE  
SCARF I HAD  
WITH ME  
AND LEFT.

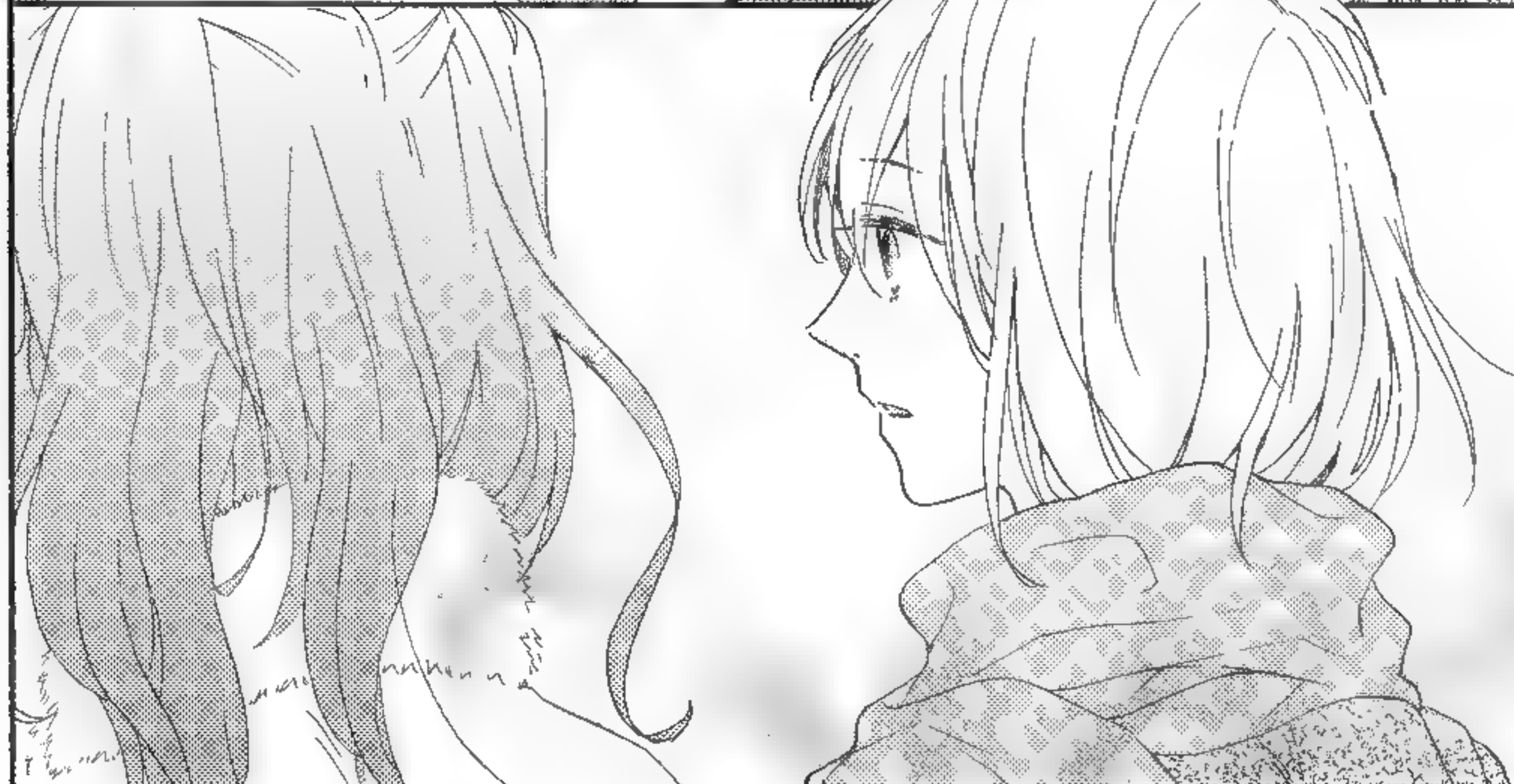
...AFTER MY  
GIRLFRIEND  
DUMPED ME  
AND MY NOSE  
STARTED TO  
RUN, A SANTA  
GAVE ME SOME  
TISSUES.





I NEVER  
EXPECTED  
TO SEE  
THAT SANTA  
AGAIN.

BUT...



SHE'S STILL  
WEARING  
THE SCARF I  
GAVE HER!

SHE GOES  
TO MY  
SCHOOL.





WHAT?

TOMOYA  
MATSUNAGA

I'M  
NATSUKI  
HASHIBA,  
AGE 16.

I'M  
CURRENTLY  
FASCINATED  
BY A GIRL  
WHOSE NAME  
I DON'T  
KNOW.



Yee!

GYARR!

Are you okay?

THAT  
PERSON  
IS HERE!

THAT  
HURT, YOU  
DUMBASS!

What the  
hell?!

WHO?!

And  
get off  
me!

1-3

MATTSUN!

BOOM!  
BOOM!





**KEIICHI  
KATAKURA**

Hey!

NATCHAN,  
YOU'RE HERE  
ALREADY!  
MORNING!



**SANTA!**

Huh?!  
He lives in  
Finland!  
SANTA'S  
NOT IN  
JAPAN!

MATTSUN!

I SAW  
SANTA!



LISTEN!

THAT'S  
A LOT OF  
ENERGY  
FOR THE  
FIRST DAY  
OF THE  
YEAR.

Whoa!

KEI-CHAN,  
GET THIS!

Bye  
now!

Sure



!

KEIICHI,  
YOU  
DROPPED  
THIS.  
Here.

...SO I  
THOUGHT  
I'D ASK  
YOU  
GUYS!

I DON'T  
KNOW  
HOW TO  
APPROACH  
HER...

ACTUALLY,  
IT'S THE  
SCARF I GOT  
FOR YURI,  
BUT ANY-  
WAY!

LITTLE  
LOUD,  
MAYBE?

Oh!

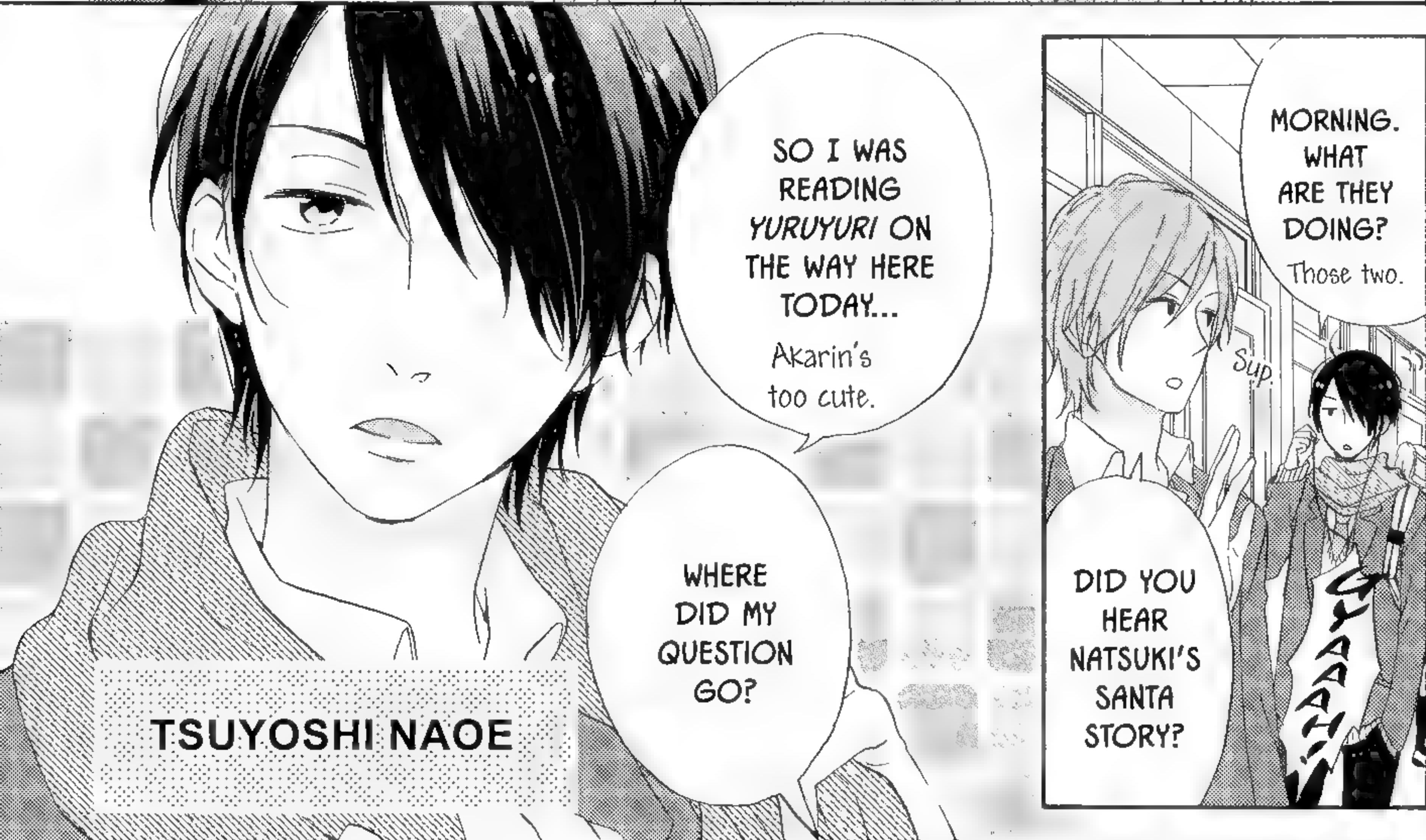
TURN  
THE  
VOLUME  
DOWN.

OKAY,  
SURE.

I MET  
SANTA  
DURING  
CHRISTMAS!

TURNS OUT SHE  
GOES TO OUR  
SCHOOL! AND  
SHE'S WEARING  
MY SCARF!







...THIS IS  
A STORY  
ABOUT  
FOUR  
HIGH  
SCHOOL  
BOYS.



IT'S A  
LITTLE BIT  
STUPID  
AND A  
LITTLE BIT  
CHEERFUL.

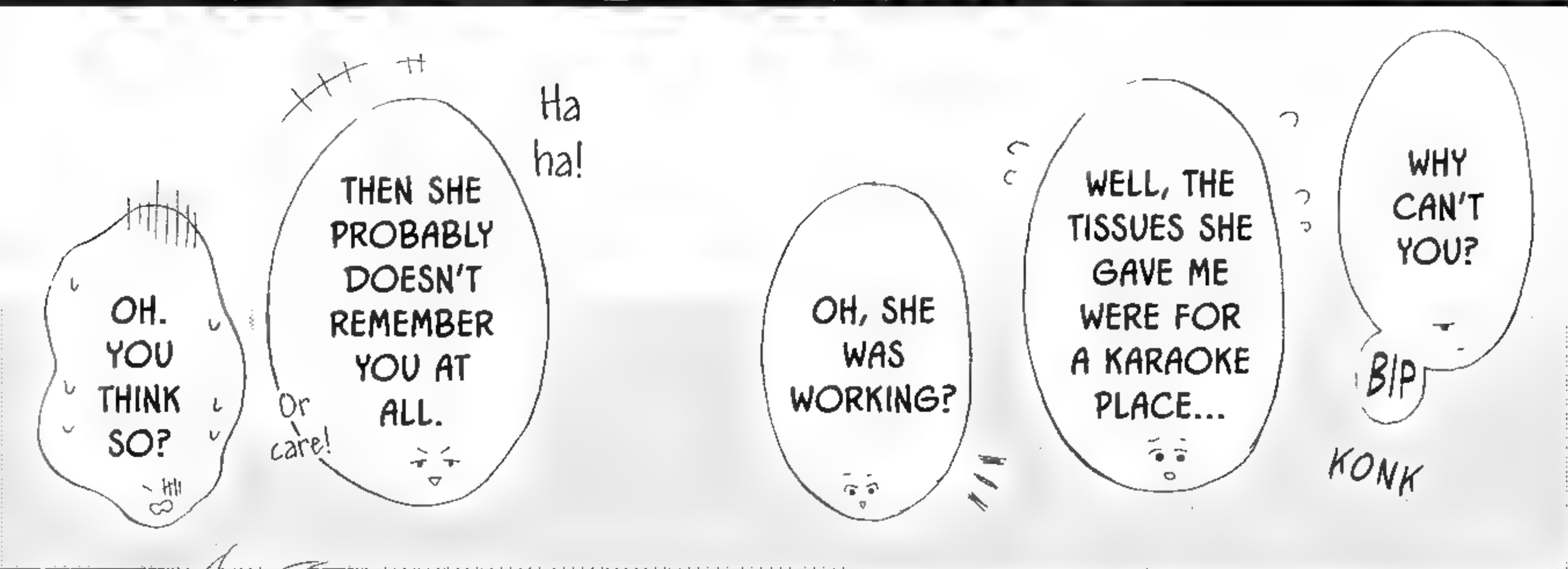
That was  
some  
fine whip  
handling.

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE HE  
DID THAT TO  
ME ON THE  
FIRST DAY!

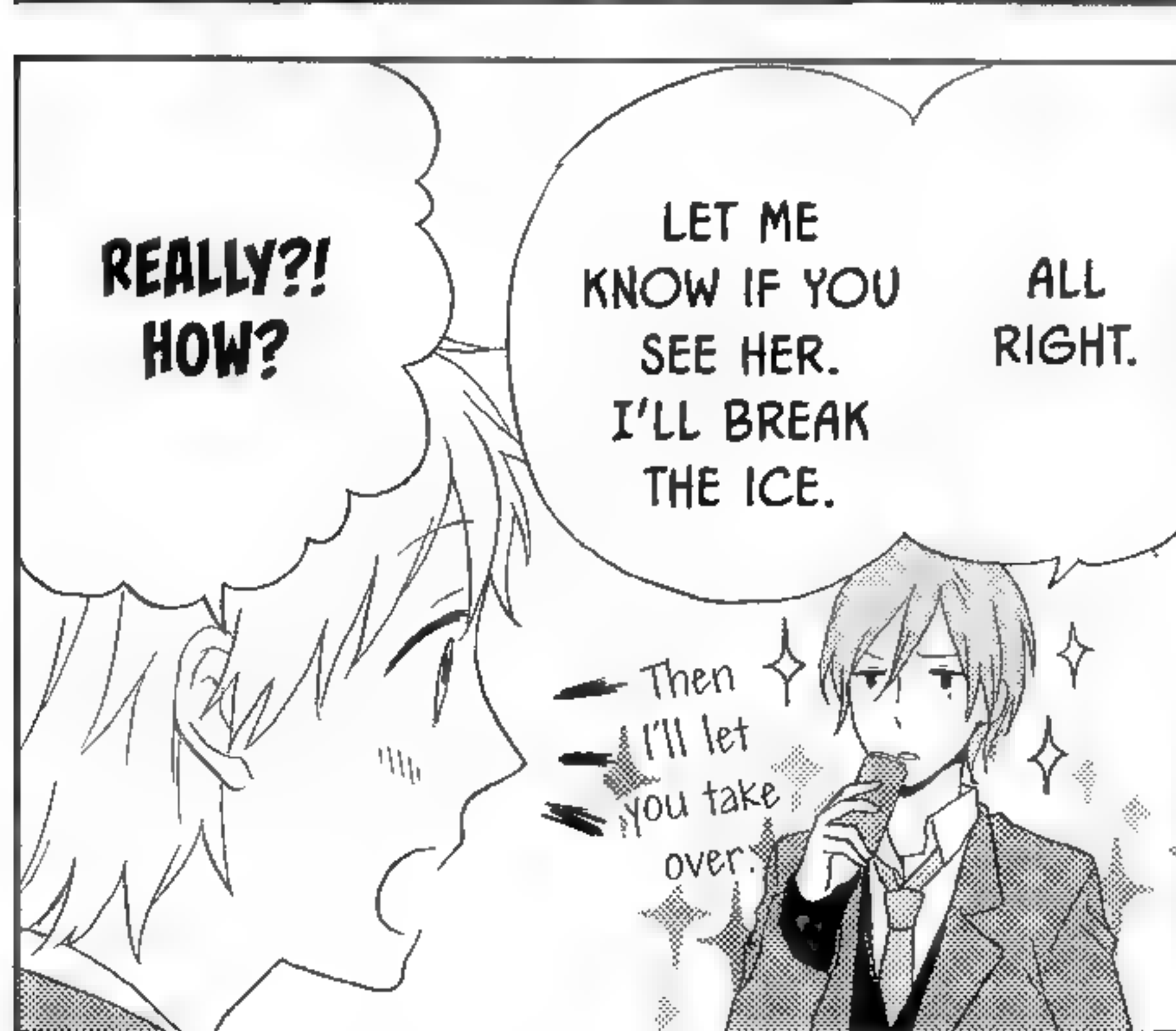
Ow...

OUR HERO











YARI

THAT WON'T  
WORK! YOU  
HAVE TO  
TAKE A MORE  
ACTIVE ROLE!

I...WON'T  
SAY ANY-  
THING.  
I'll just  
ignore her.

PERFECT!  
SOUNDS  
GOOD!

Are you  
stupid?!

YARI

SHE  
DOESN'T  
OWN A  
MOUTH GAG!

FORGET  
IT!

I'LL CASUALLY  
SAY, "EXCUSE  
ME, YOU  
DROPPED  
YOUR  
MOUTH  
GAG,"  
AND—

YARI

HASHIBA,  
YOU'RE ON  
DAY DUTY,  
RIGHT?  
I NEED  
YOUR  
HELP WITH  
SOME-  
THING.  
Got a  
moment?

DOESN'T  
WANT TO  
WORK

HUH?

UH...  
YEAH.  
JUST  
ME?

Yeah.  
WELL,  
ONE MORE  
PERSON  
COULD  
COME...



YUJI!

HEY!

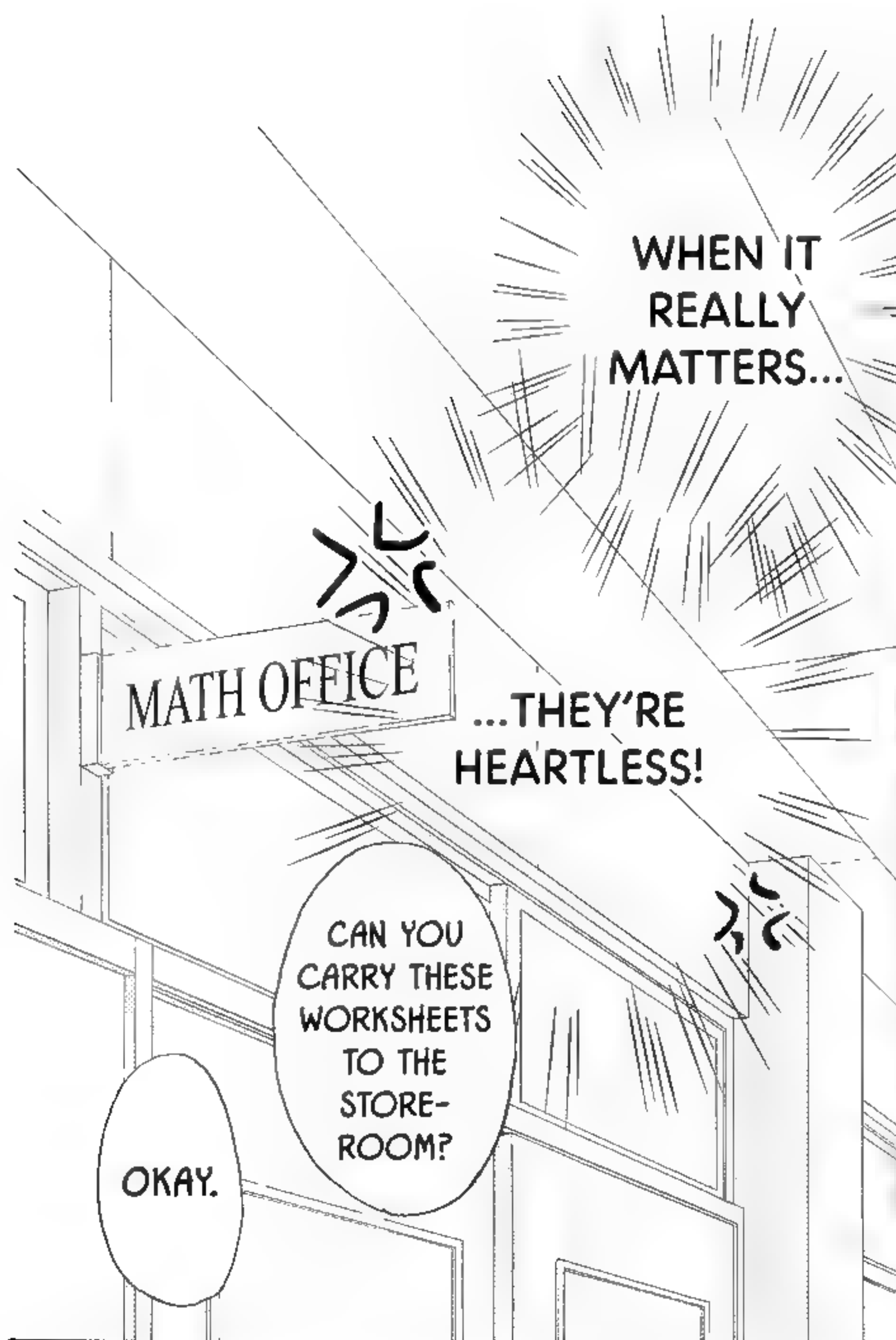
HASHIBA!

Perfect  
timing!

It's  
not my  
fault

AT SCHOOL,  
IT'S "MR.  
KATAKURA."





WHEN IT  
REALLY  
MATTERS...

MATH OFFICE

...THEY'RE  
HEARTLESS!

CAN YOU  
CARRY THESE  
WORKSHEETS  
TO THE  
STORE-  
ROOM?

OKAY.



GOOD LUCK!

WAIT...

SWIP



RIGHT.  
OF  
COURSE.

...



MR.  
KATAKURA,  
DO YOU  
KNOW ALL  
THE STUDENTS  
AT SCHOOL?

HM?  
WHY?



!!

Keiichi's  
a typical  
second  
son.

OF  
COURSE!  
I CAN  
ASK HIM!

OH



IT'S NOT  
FUNNY  
AT ALL!  
THEY'RE SO  
MEAN TO  
ME!

It's  
cruel!

...BUT THE  
WAY YOU  
ABANDON  
EACH OTHER  
TO THE  
WOLVES  
CRACKS ME  
UP.  
Funny stuff.

I ALWAYS  
SEE YOU  
FOUR  
TOGETHER...

HA  
HA  
HA!



Hello! Mizuno here. My official comments are at the end of the book...but welcome to this sidebar. It's been ages since I wrote one of these! My handwriting is still awful! Sorry! ㄟ(っ>ㄟ

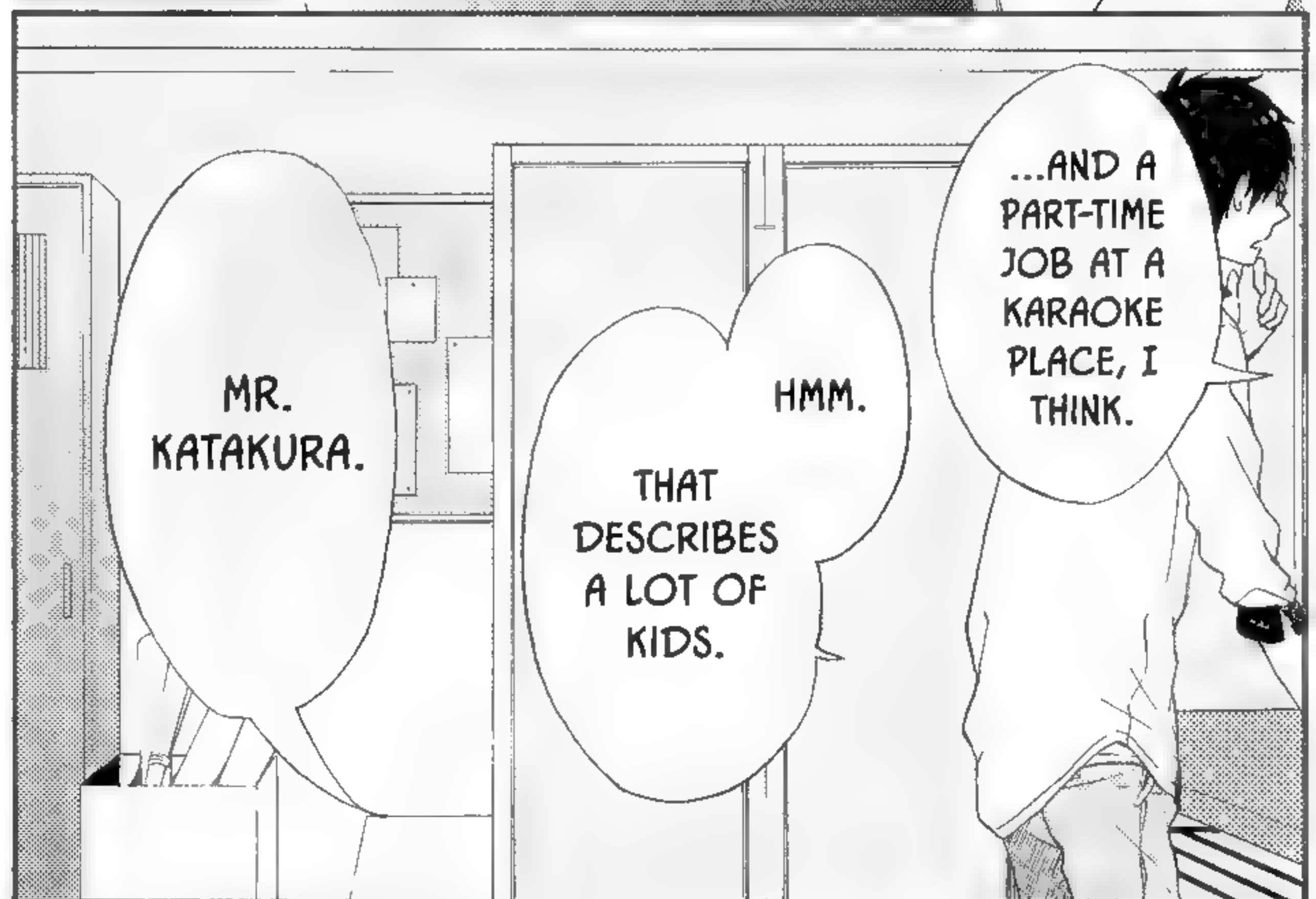
Lately(?) I've been finishing my drawings digitally. The last all-analog work I did was *Rasen no Vamp*

Sometimes people think I work 100 percent digitally, but up through the inking stage I'm still analog. I like how it feels to draw with an analog pen. ♡  
I love my G-pen. ♡

With digital, scanning and cleanup is a pain, but it's superconvenient when you live outside Tokyo. You can send the data from your house!! You don't have to go to the airport with your finished pages!! You don't have to get on a train with no makeup or get your mother to take half a day of PTO to drive you to the airport!! And you can use the time you would have spent getting ready and commuting on work instead!! (This is pretty important.)

Those are the reasons I started doing things digitally (laugh)

Even so, I still haven't mastered Comic Studio at all. I need to study up...







WHY  
WAS SHE  
SLEEPING?!

AND  
WHAT  
IS...

IT'S  
HER!

!!!

...SEXY  
MOOD?

...THIS...

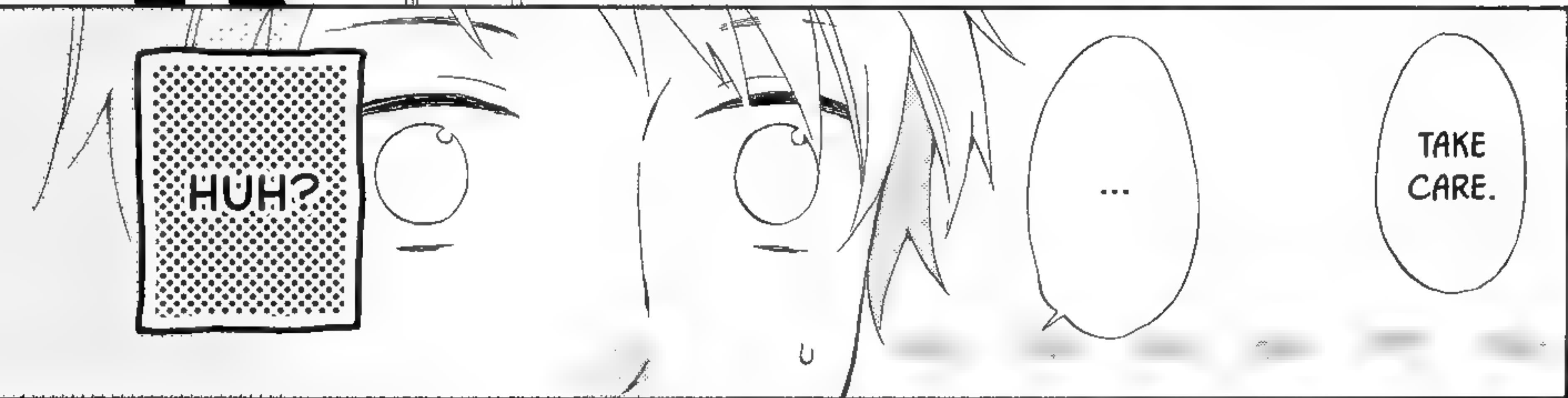
...like...

OKAY.

UH-OH!  
STILL A  
LITTLE OUT  
OF IT?  
SOMEONE'S  
HERE, SO  
PUT YOUR  
BLAZER ON.

REEL









I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK...  
...I'M GIVING HER SPECIAL TREATMENT...  
HASHIBA?

IF SHE FEELS SICK, SHE COULD GO TO THE INFIRMARY.

?



SO SHADY!

OH  
Y-YES, SIR!

Of course!

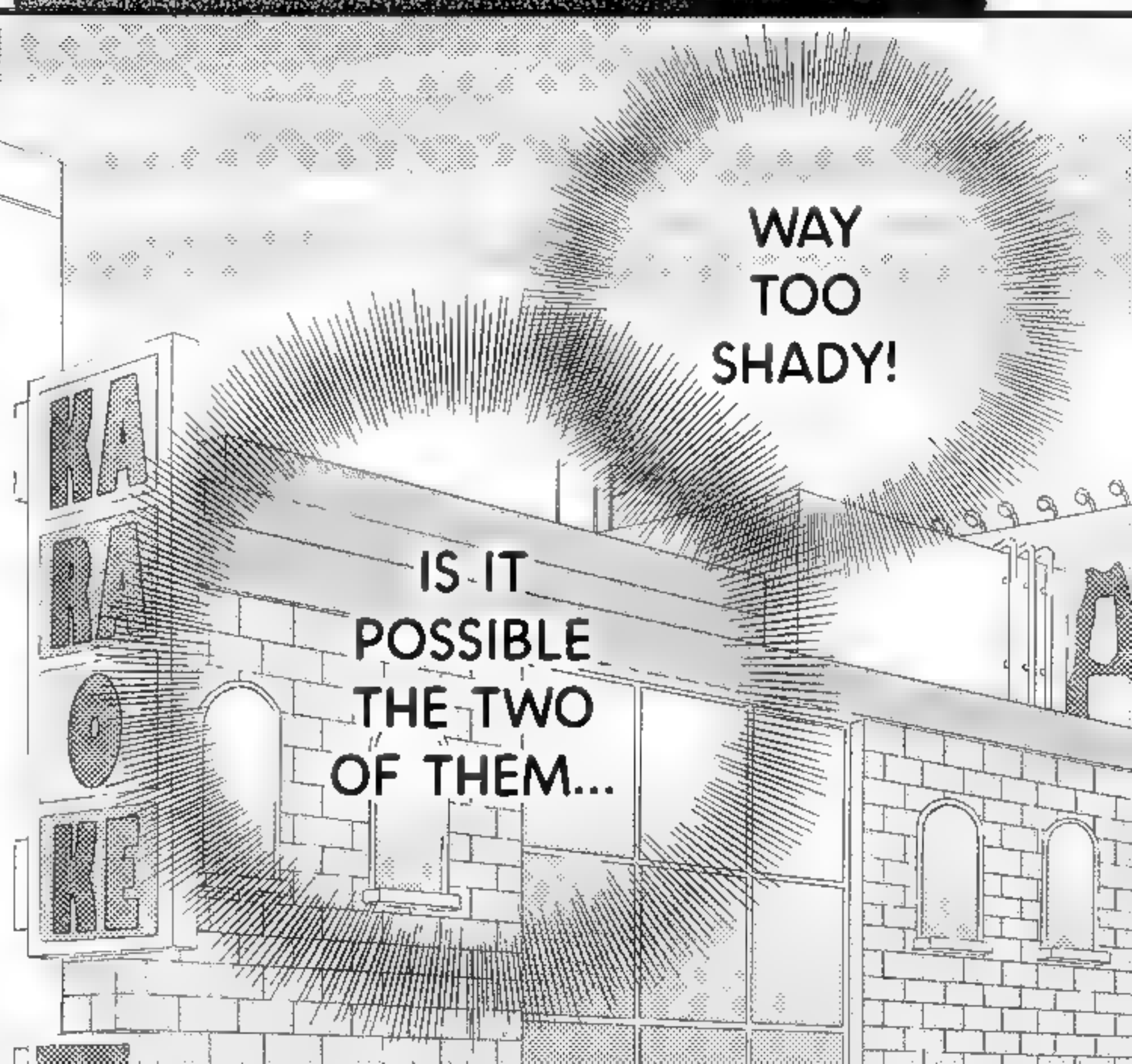
HEH HEH HEH...



YOU'LL KEEP THIS A SECRET, RIGHT?



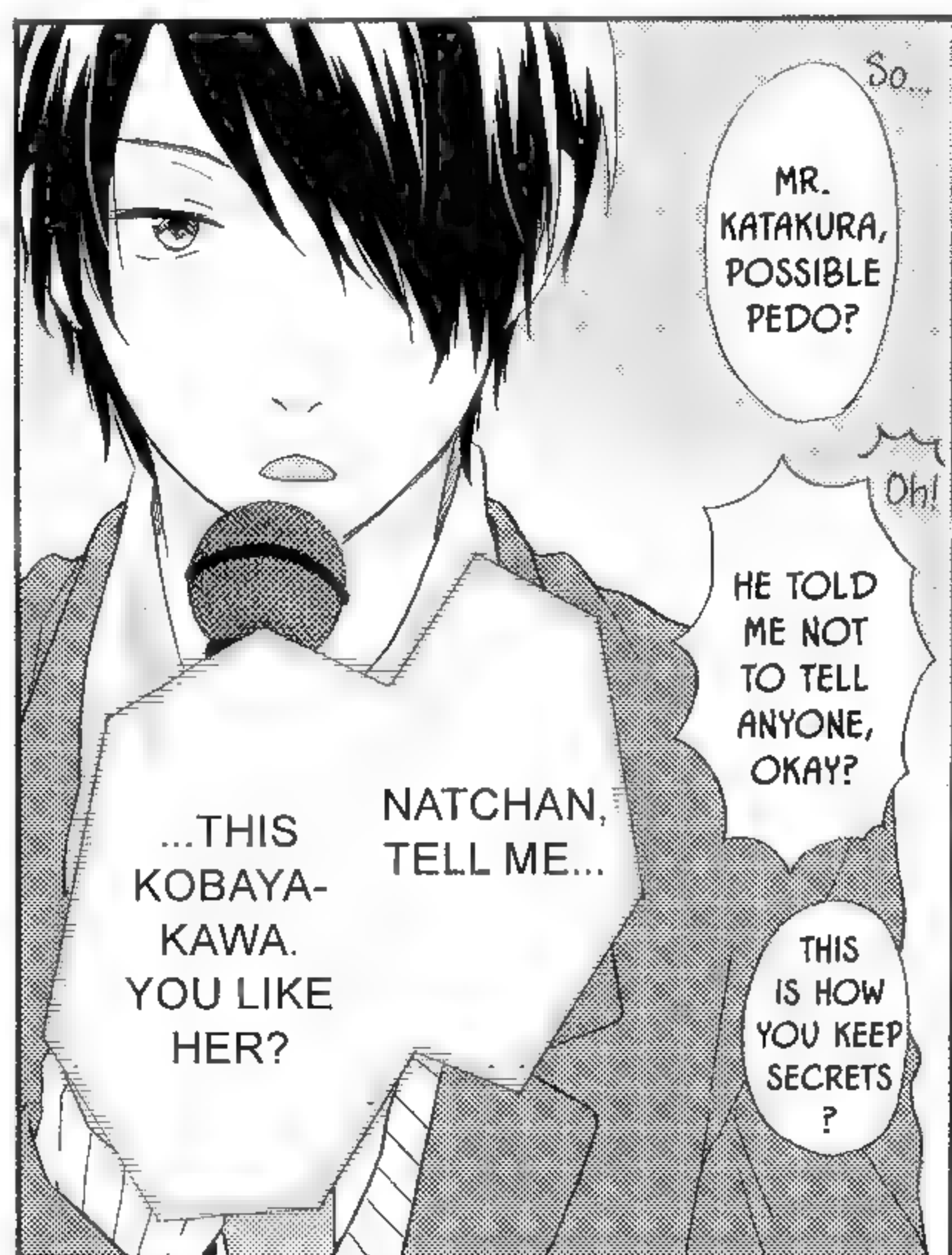
...ARE AN ITEM?!



WAY TOO SHADY!

IS IT POSSIBLE THE TWO OF THEM...









IF YOU  
DON'T  
KNOW,  
SORRY.

Sing  
something.

U  
R  
R  
R  
K

I AM  
INTRIGUED  
BY HER,  
BUT...

DO I WANT  
TO BE HER  
BOYFRIEND?  
I DON'T  
KNOW...

IF SHE AND  
MR. KATAKURA  
REALLY ARE AN  
ITEM, THAT'S  
TRULY  
SHOCKING.

Right?

GOOD  
QUESTION.



EXCUSE  
ME.

CH  
AK

MIC,  
PLEASE!

GOOD,  
GOOD!

YEAH, I  
DON'T  
KNOW, SO  
I'M GOING  
TO SING!



ME!

The  
cola!

YOUR  
DRINKS  
ARE  
READY.

ONE  
COLA...

ONE  
ICED  
COF-  
FEE...

?!!









NOT THE  
PURE,  
INNOCENT  
TYPE YOU  
USUALLY  
GO FOR.

THAT  
WAS HER,  
HUH?

KOBAYA-  
KAWA,  
RIGHT?

KA-  
CHAK



She's  
wooden  
at best.

YOU  
DECIDED  
FROM  
THAT?!  
SHE NEVER  
SMILED!

KINDA  
CREEPY,  
NATCHAN!

How long  
are you  
going to  
stare at  
the door?

YOU  
DIDN'T  
EVEN HAVE  
A CON-  
VERSA-  
TION!

YEAH,  
BUT...

FWAH

FWAH



I DO  
LIKE HER!

JUST  
WHAT DO  
YOU-



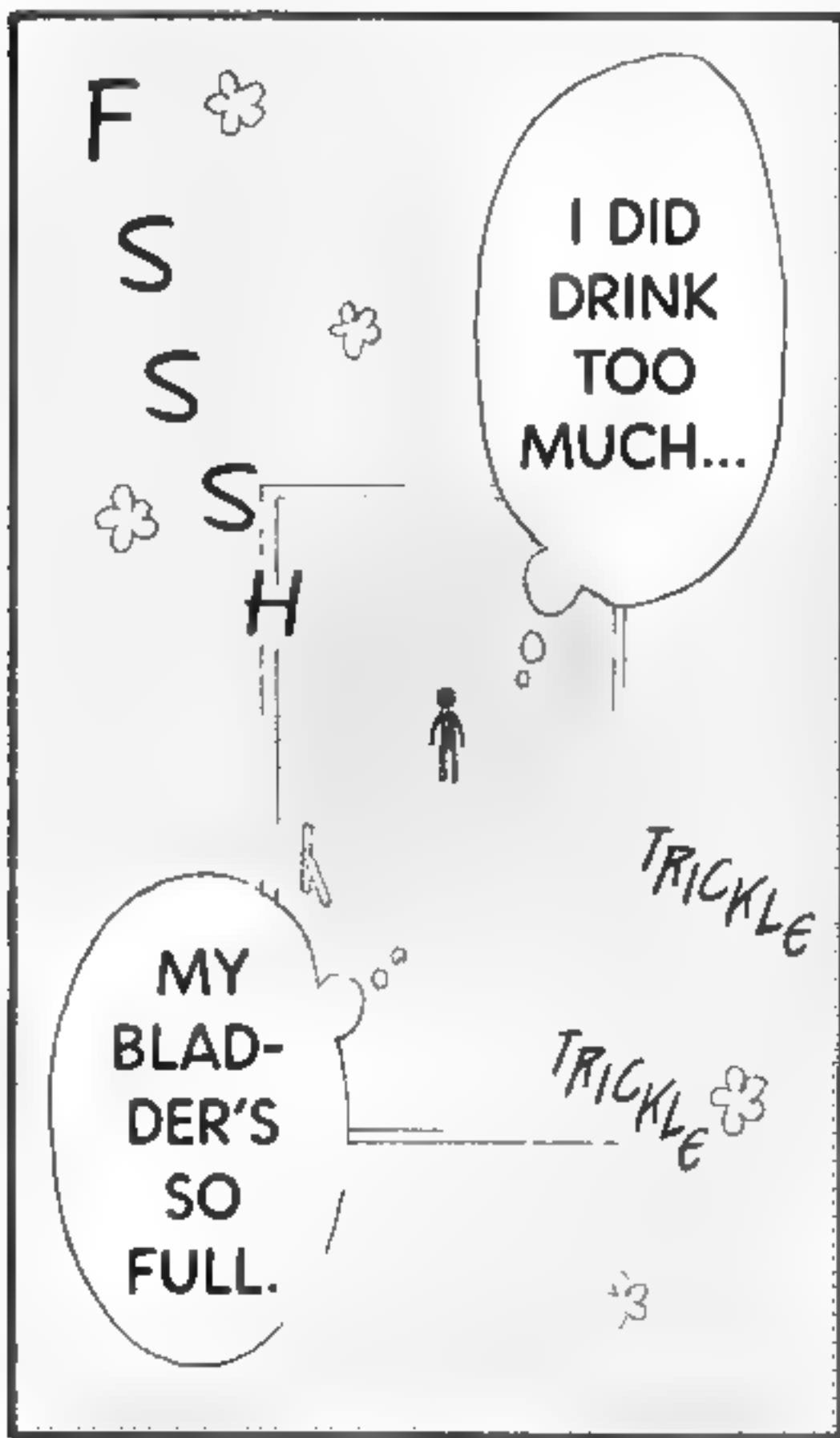
F  
W  
A  
A  
A

?!!



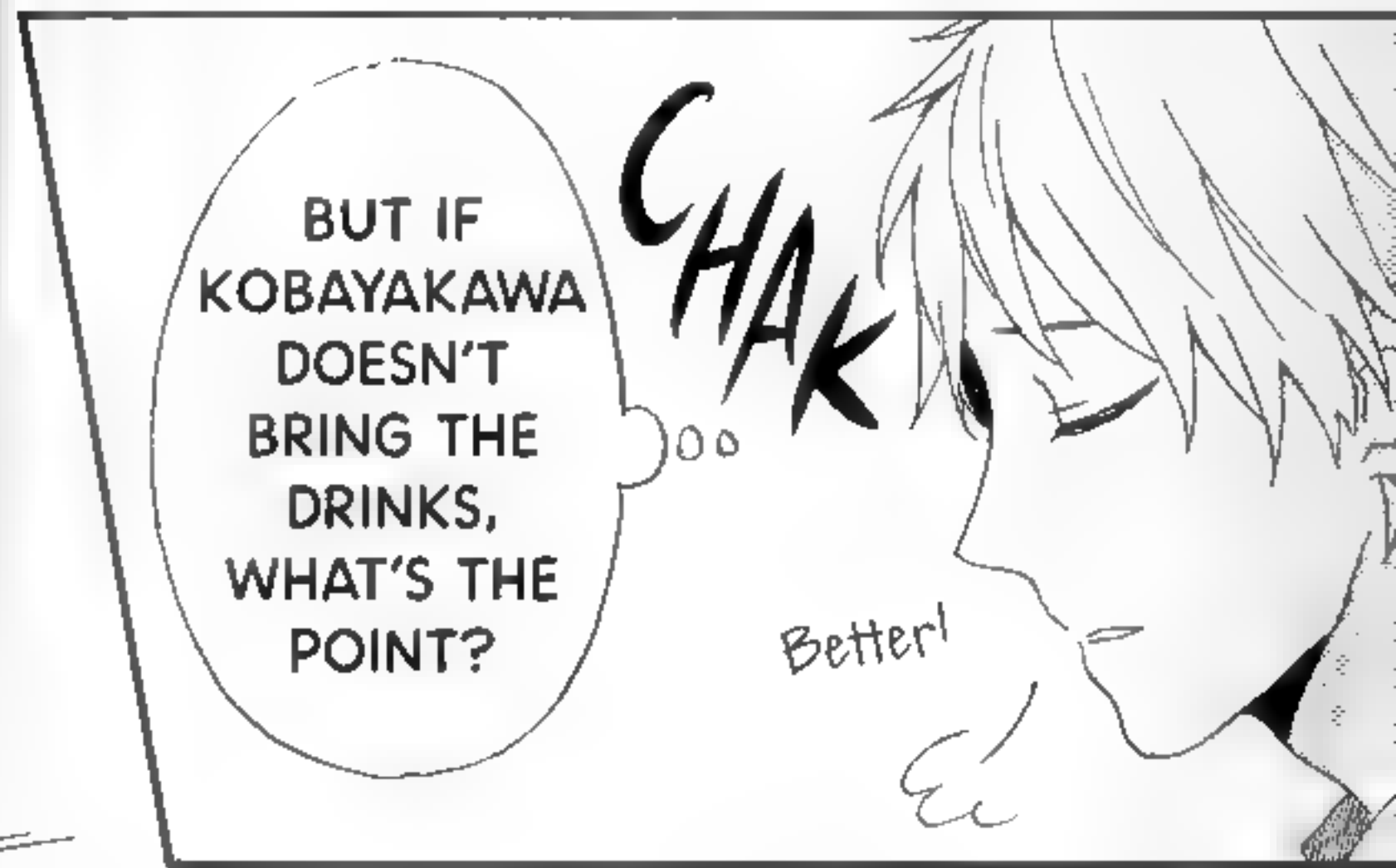






I'M GOING TO THE BATH-ROOM.

HAVE FUN!







You got balls, right?

MAN UP AND RESCUE HER!

Want to use this?

YOU CAN DO IT, NATCHAN!

JOLT



There's no way I can win!

IT DOESN'T MATTER! JUST GO SAY SOMETHING!

HOW? I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A FIGHT!

GO! NOW!

FRET

HUH?

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW HER HOW COOL YOU ARE!

HUH?

HUH?!

USE THIS WHIP!

FRET



SHE'S SURROUNDED BY SCARY-LOOKING DUDES!

IS THIS WHAT I THINK IT IS?



GULP

GO ON, MAN!

















WALL

Hello?

Nat-  
chan?

**S  
L  
U  
M  
P**

Are you  
alive?  
Everything!  
okay?

Kobaya-  
kawa,  
front  
desk,  
please.

Sorry!

WELL...

I SURE  
WANT  
TO DIE.



**GLO**

**OO**

**M**

MORN-  
ING...





YOU'RE  
THE BEST,  
NATCHAN!

The ultimate  
entertainment!

WAS  
YESTERDAY  
FUN OR  
WHAT?

Wish I'd  
caught  
that on  
video!

Hiya!

HEY, IT'S  
NATCHAN.  
WHAT'S  
UP?

...



HUH?!  
WE'RE  
CRYING  
NOW?!

YOU'RE  
SO  
CRUEL!

GUYS...

HA  
HA  
HA  
HA

WHOA!

SORRY,  
NATCHAN!

P  
L  
U  
B



NATCHAN...

IT'S  
OKAY.

Does your  
nose run  
every time  
you cry?  
Cork it!

H  
O  
O  
N  
K

Have  
some  
gum.



We're  
just  
kidding  
around

REALLY.  
BUT IT  
WAS SO  
FUNNY!

FINE, WE  
GET IT!  
BLOW  
YOUR  
NOSE!

You  
guys  
suck!

IT WAS  
A REAL  
SHOCK  
FOR ME!

SOB  
SOB  
SOB  
SOB  
SOB  
SOB

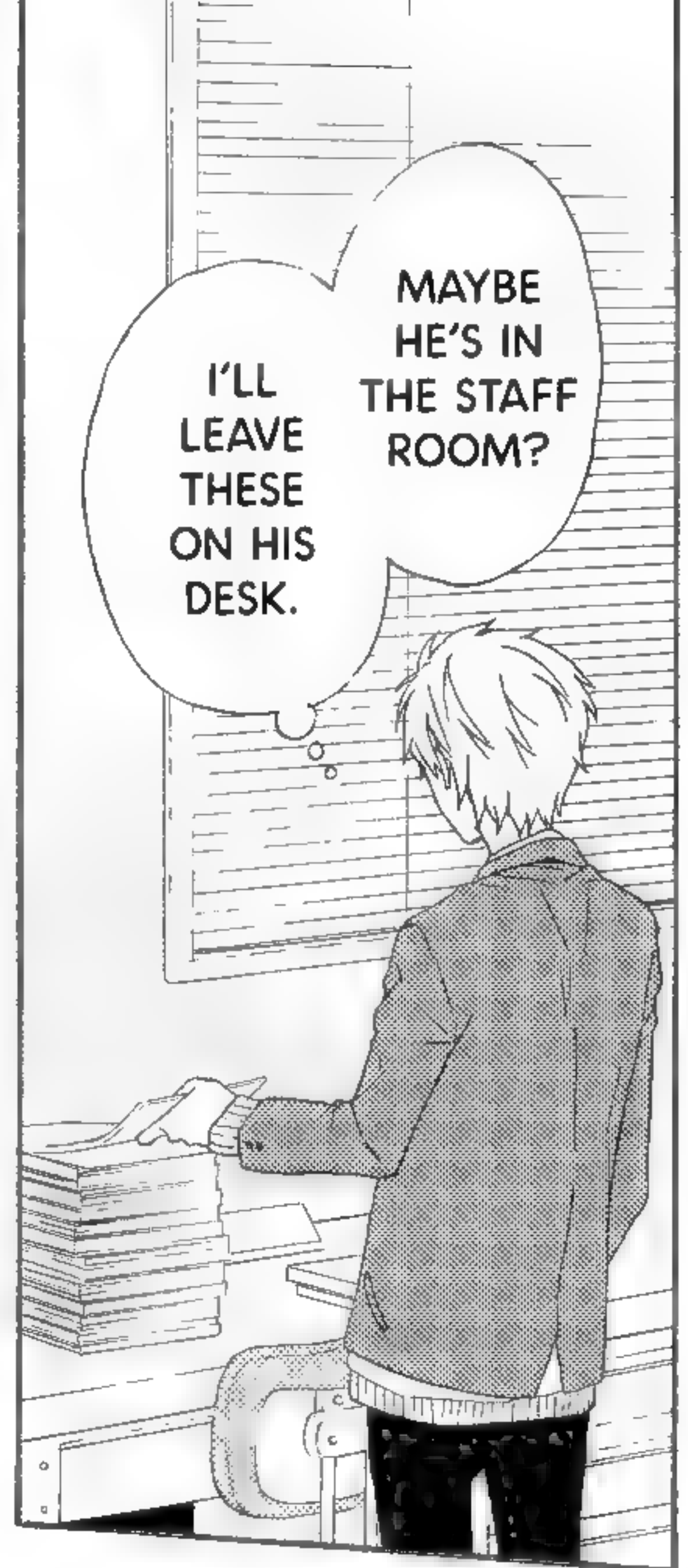




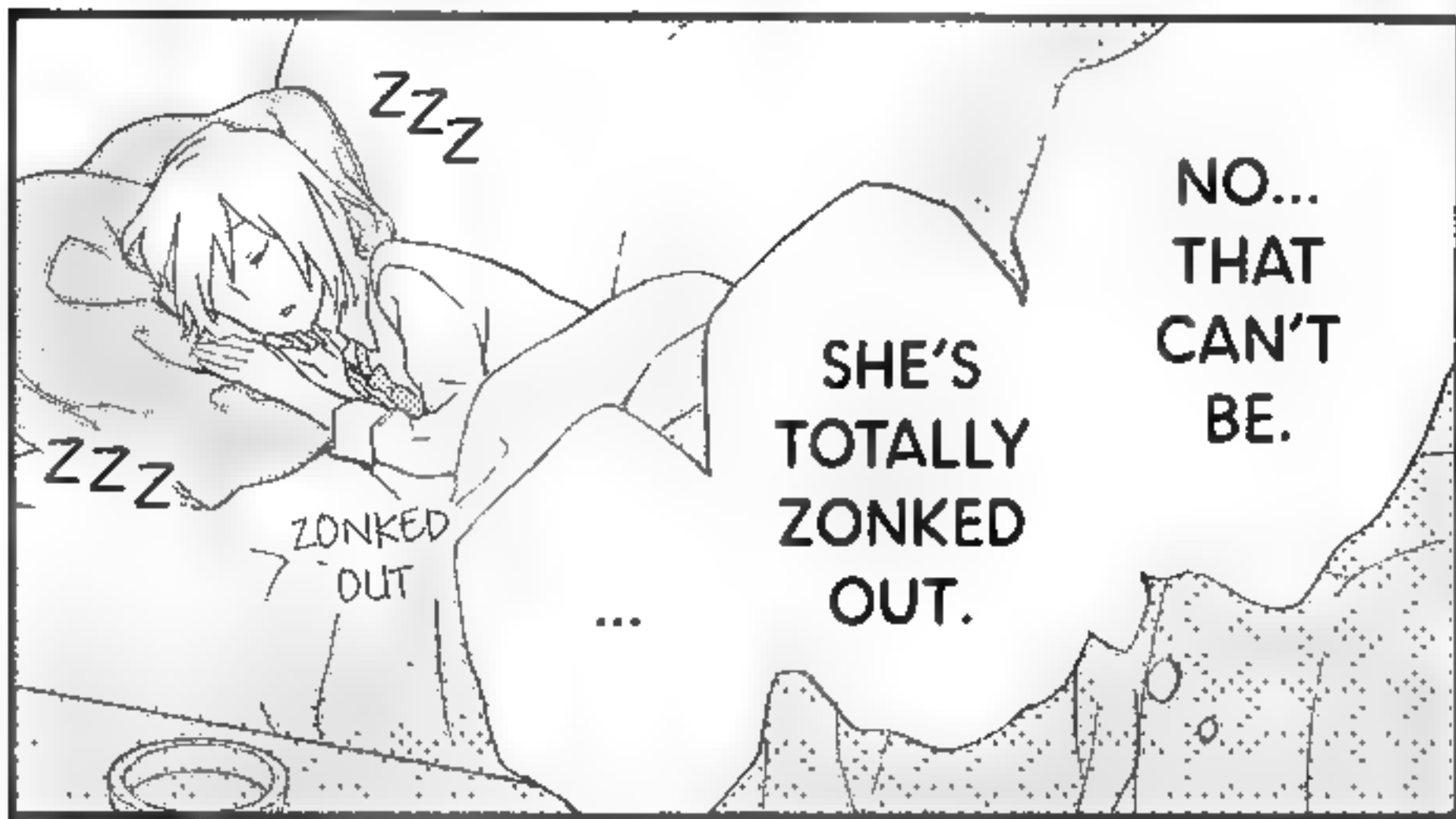














THIS  
IS BAD  
BAD BAD  
BAD BAD  
BAD...

WHAAAT?!

UM?  
WHAT?  
WHAT?

V  
R  
F

MN...

J  
O  
L  
T

S  
H  
O  
O  
P

S  
H  
O  
O  
P

NO...

IT'S,  
UH...  
ME.

"MR.  
KATAKURA"?

I KNEW IT...

MR.  
KATA-  
KURA...?

D  
A  
Z  
E









What was that about?

OH, YOU'RE UP? THAT WAS HASHIBA.

...? WAS SOMEONE THERE?

M  
W  
U  
P

SORRY FOR INTRUDING!

SO...

...

DID YOU HAVE ONE OF THOSE DREAMS AGAIN?

HASHIBA!

**DASH**

YOU WERE THE OX KING, AND WE WERE BATTLING.

...



RUB  
RUB

KOBAYAKAWA, IF YOU'RE UP, GO BACK TO CLASS, OKAY?

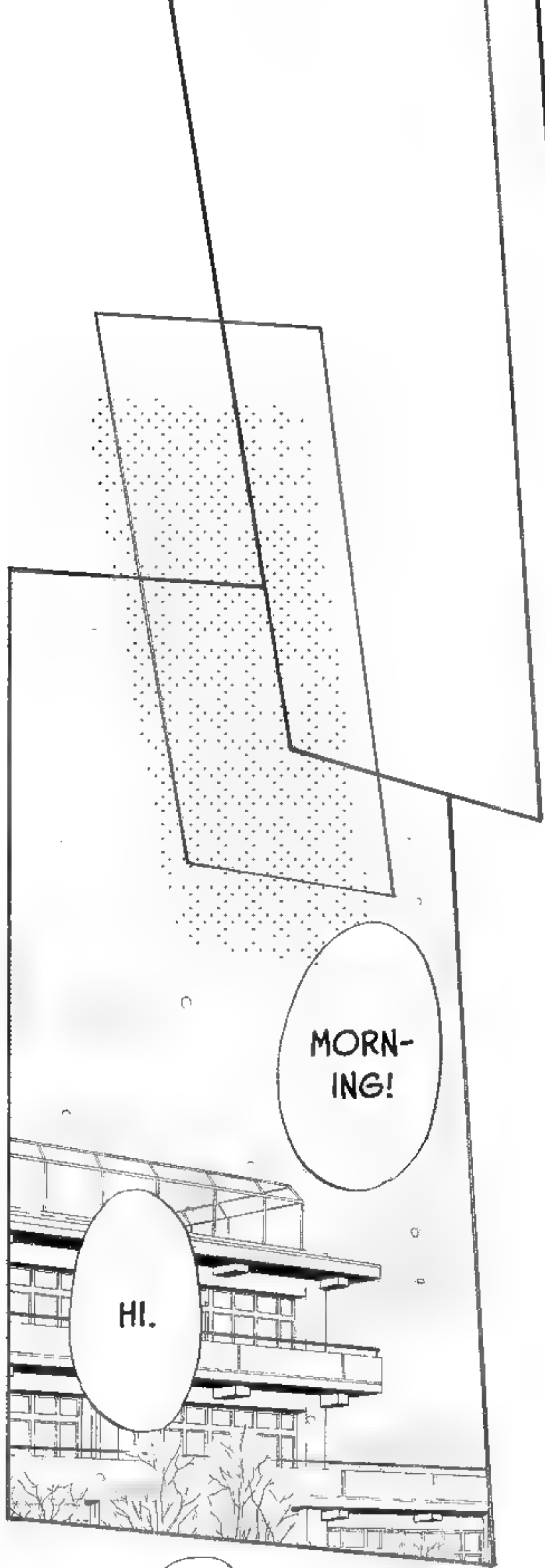
MAYBE HE LEFT IT HERE LAST TIME?  
I haven't seen it though...

HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A SCARF...

NOW I AM FINISHED.

A SCARF...?





MORN-  
ING!

HI.



AH...

WELL,  
YOU  
SEE...

WHAT  
HAP-  
PENED  
?

I'M SUCH A  
DUMBASS  
THAT EVEN  
I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
I'M DOING.

**GLOOM**



THOSE  
TWO ARE  
DEFINITELY  
AN ITEM...

SOB

TIME TO  
FORGET  
ABOUT  
IT.

FORGET  
EVERY-  
THING.



IT  
IS.

ESPE-  
CIALLY...

TSUYOPON.  
IS IT GRIM  
TODAY, OR  
WHAT?

My ears  
hurt  
from the  
cold!

GOODBYE,  
MY SANTA.





NATSUKI.

YOU  
HAVE A  
VISITOR.

HE  
NEEDS  
TO SNAP  
OUT OF  
IT. MAYBE  
I CAN  
HELP...

IRK  
★

HE'S  
STILL  
MOPING?

...OVER  
THERE.

I  
thought  
he gave  
up!

?



What  
are  
you  
afraid  
of?!

YES,  
YOU!

WHAT?  
WHY?  
ME?!

TWITCH

TWITCH

GET  
OVER  
THERE!

HUH?





IF YOU  
WANT TO SAY  
SOMETHING  
TO HER, GO  
SAY IT!

YOU  
CAN'T  
MOPE  
FOREVER!

YOU'RE  
KILLING  
OUR  
MOOD!



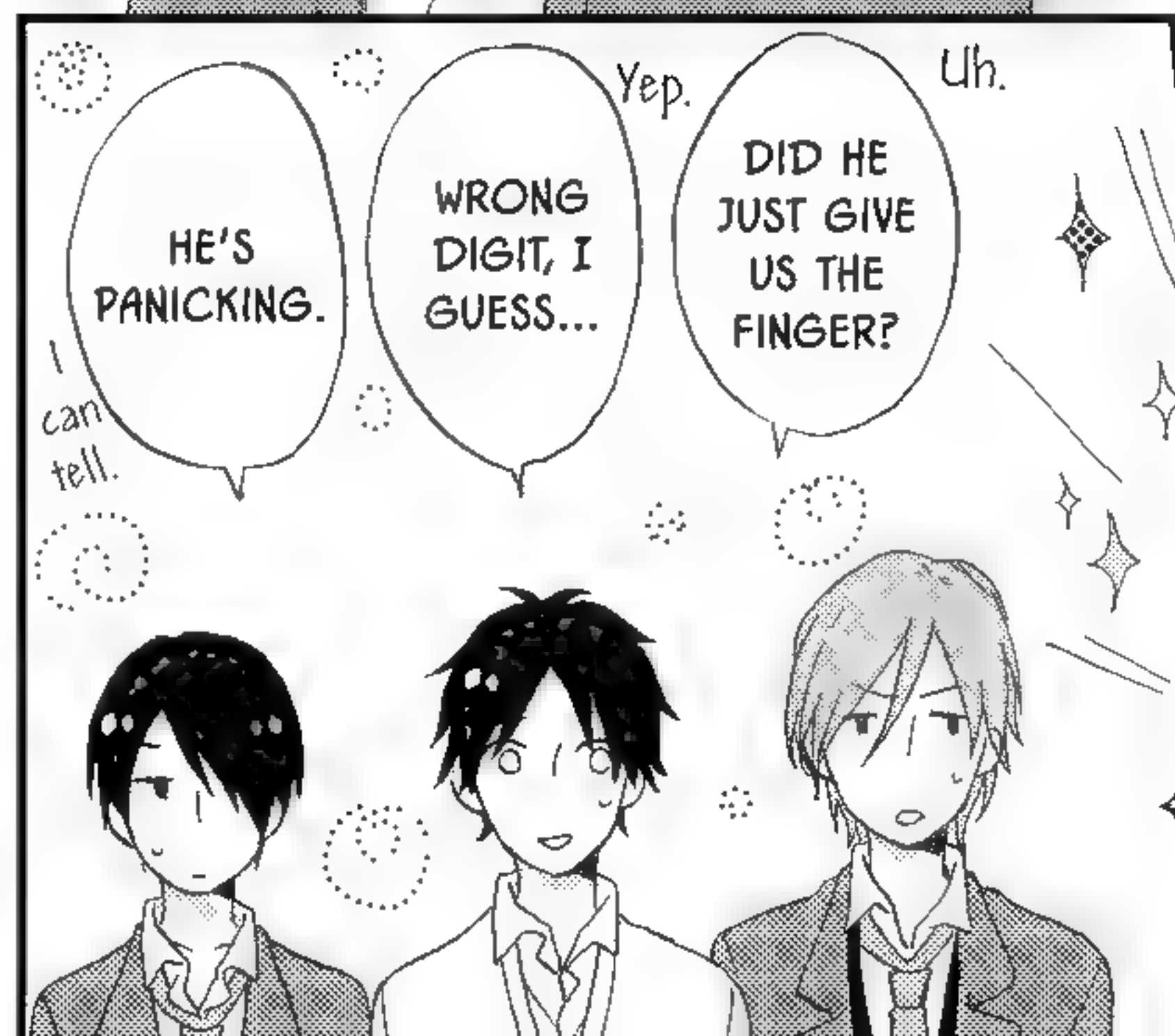
FWIP



GOOD  
LUCK!

NATCHAN!

YOU'RE  
RIGHT.



HE'S  
PANICKING.

WRONG  
DIGIT, I  
GUESS...

DID HE  
JUST GIVE  
US THE  
FINGER?

Yep.

Uh.











SORRY TO  
PUSH THE  
SCARF ON  
YOU.

HA  
HA

THIS IS  
KIND OF  
EMBARRASSING...

I THOUGHT  
YOU MIGHT  
HAVE GOTTEN  
DUMPED THAT  
NIGHT.

I GOT IT FOR  
MY GIRLFRIEND,  
BUT THEN SHE  
DUMPED ME, SO  
I DIDN'T NEED  
IT ANYMORE.



How  
mortifying

!!!

Urk...

Actually,  
a lot.

YOU  
WERE  
CRYING A  
LITTLE...

YOU  
DID?!



I'LL  
RETURN IT  
ANYWAY,  
THOUGH.  
I CAN'T  
KEEP IT.

Only  
bad  
mem-  
ories!

NO!  
NONE AT  
ALL!

THAT'S  
WHY I  
GAVE IT  
TO YOU!

REALLY?

OH...  
OKAY.

I DIDN'T  
REALLY GIVE  
IT MUCH  
THOUGHT...

...BUT THEN  
I REALIZED  
THAT MAYBE  
THE SCARF  
HELD SOME  
SPECIAL  
MEMORIES  
FOR YOU...









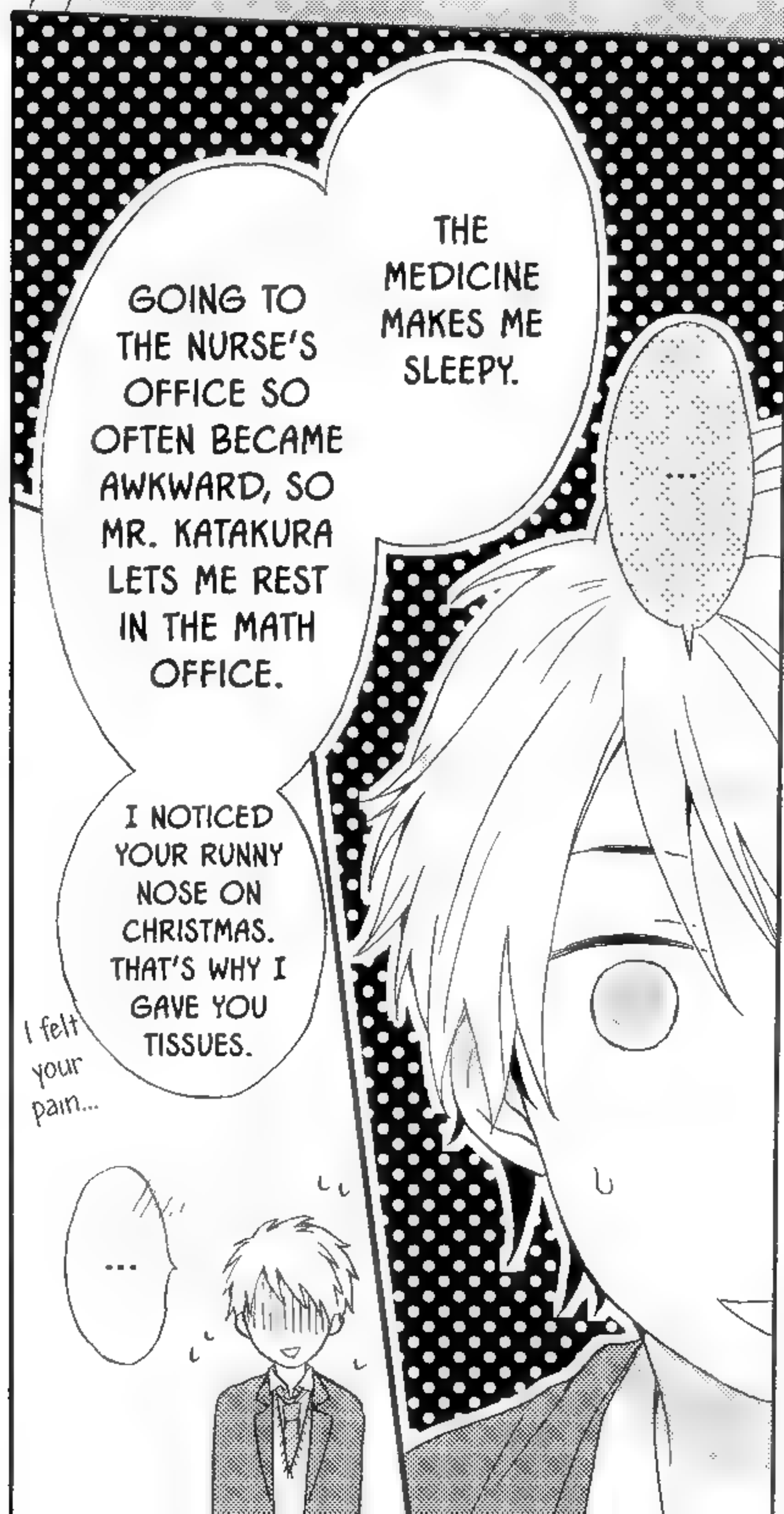
YOU'RE ALWAYS ASLEEP IN HIS OFFICE...

HUH?

OOH, HE ASKED!

HE SHOULD BE ASKING HER OUT! Idiot!

IT MIGHT NOT BE MY BUSINESS... BUT I REALLY WANT TO KNOW!



GOING TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE SO OFTEN BECAME AWKWARD, SO MR. KATAKURA LETS ME REST IN THE MATH OFFICE.

THE MEDICINE MAKES ME SLEEPY.

I NOTICED YOUR RUNNY NOSE ON CHRISTMAS. THAT'S WHY I GAVE YOU TISSUES.

I felt your pain...

...



OH...

IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE RHINITIS.

?







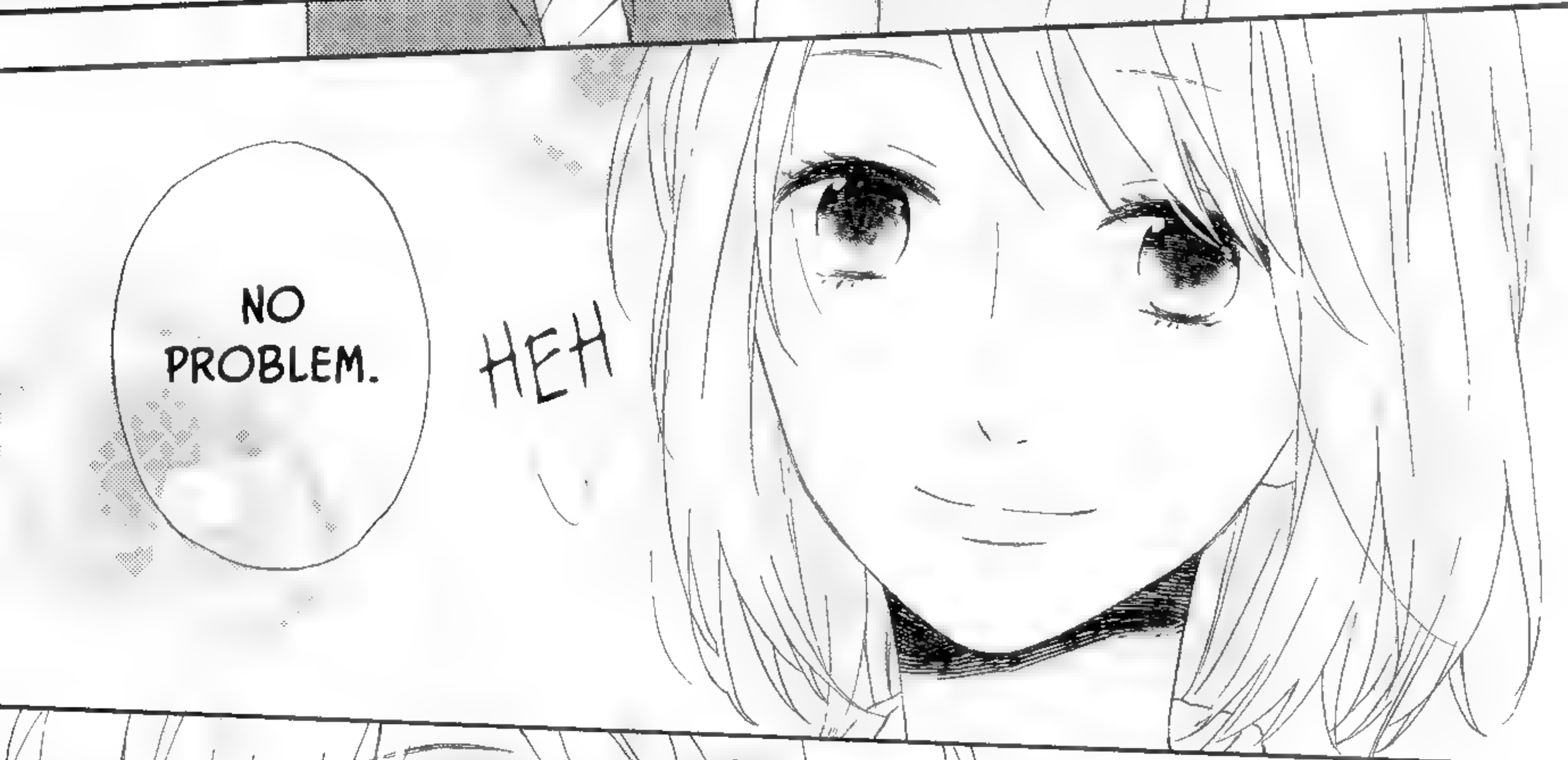
SORRY.  
I DIDN'T  
MEAN...

O-OH...  
OKAY.

...TO BE  
WEIRD...

I DON'T  
HAVE A  
BOYFRIEND.

SO NO,  
THERE'S  
NOTHING  
GOING ON  
BETWEEN ME  
AND MR.  
KATAKURA.



NO  
PROBLEM.

HEH



COME BY  
AND SING  
AGAIN,  
OKAY?

FWAAH





SURE!

I DIDN'T  
ASK HER  
OUT...



...OR EVEN  
GET HER  
PHONE  
NUMBER...

...BUT,  
WELL...

HA HA HA HA  
LOOK AT  
HIS FACE!  
It's so  
red!

HEY!

...SO I  
PROBABLY  
DIDN'T  
TRY HARD  
ENOUGH...



...IF  
EVERY  
DAY  
COULD  
BE LIKE  
THIS...

SHE  
SMILED AT  
ME AT THE  
END!

I'M  
GONNA  
LOSE IT!

From  
happiness!

GOOD  
FOR  
YOU.

GUESS WE'LL  
HAVE TO GO  
TO KARAOKE  
AGAIN.

YOU'RE  
RED LIKE  
AN OCTO-  
PUS.

ANNA!

...I'D BE  
HAPPY  
ENOUGH!







I DON'T  
THINK  
HASHIBA IS  
STRANGE.

He's  
funny

OH,  
GOOD!  
IT WAS  
A CUTE  
SCARF,  
BUT...

...YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
WEAR STUFF  
FROM STRANGE  
GUYS! YOU  
WERE RIGHT TO  
GIVE IT BACK!

MARI.

HOW'D IT  
GO? DID  
YOU GIVE  
IT BACK?

YEAH.

...WILL BE  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY.

AND  
NEXT  
MONTH...



...

Better not  
give it to  
me

Nah,  
stupidity  
confers  
immunity.

Another  
cold?

Why do  
I feel so  
chilly?

SHIVER

HUH?

YOU DON'T  
THINK HE'S  
CREEPY?!



Chapter 2

Rainbow  
Days





This is my self-portrait.  
Sometimes people ask me,  
"Why this?"  
Well, it's because a long time  
ago someone told me that if I  
were an animal, I'd be a cat.

Is this a cat though...?

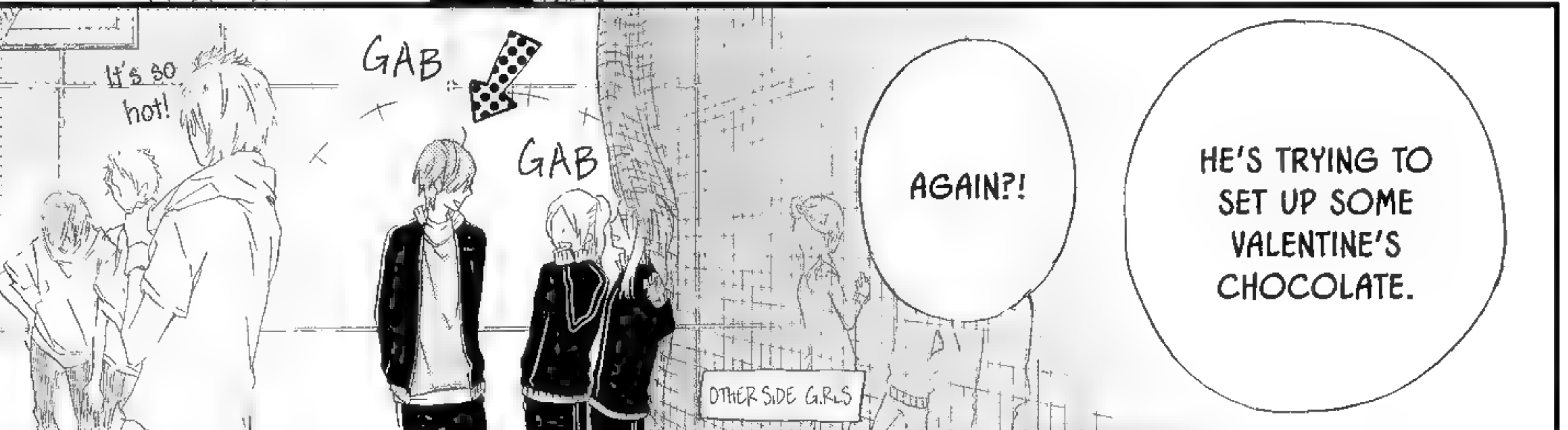
Personally, I think I'm more like a sloth.

Because I'm lazy.



I love sleeping even  
more than eating







THIS  
FEBRUARY...

Yee!

I'LL LOOK  
FORWARD  
TO YOUR  
CHOCOLATES,  
LADIES.

WELL,  
I'LL  
THINK  
ABOUT  
IT.

YOU  
WANT  
CHOCO-  
LATE THAT  
MUCH?

Yee!

EVEN  
AS A  
FRIEND...

I'd settle  
for that.

VALENTINE'S  
DAY... I WISH  
KOBAYAKAWA  
WOULD GIVE  
ME CHOCO-  
LATE.

M  
R  
R  
R

...IT FEELS  
LIKE THIS  
IS ALL I'VE  
BEEN  
SEEING.

I'm so hot,  
though!

AAAAH! GYM  
CLASS WAS  
SO MUCH  
FUN!

I HEAR WE'RE  
DOING MAT  
EXERCISES  
NEXT WEEK!

R  
A  
H  
R  
A  
H

Well...

OBVIOUSLY  
I'D RATHER  
THEY CAME  
WITH A  
SINCERE  
DECLARATION  
OF LOVE...

♡ SQUEE

NATSUKI,  
THE  
GAME.

We  
need  
the  
ball





GYAH  
HA HA  
FWA  
PFFT

THAT WAS YOUR FAULT FOR NOT CATCHING MY PASS!

WOULDN'T THE OTHER TEAM NOTICE THAT?

Make eye contact or something!

YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME A HEADS-UP!

YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY TO ME?

I CAN'T WAIT, CAN YOU?!

Backward-somersault time!

ZIRK  
ZIRK



MORNING.  
YOU JUST HAD GYM?

K-KOBAYAKAWA!  
GOOD MORNING!

OH...



HEY, AT LEAST IT WAS FUNNY.  
PFFT

IT WASN'T FUNNY!  
It hurt!



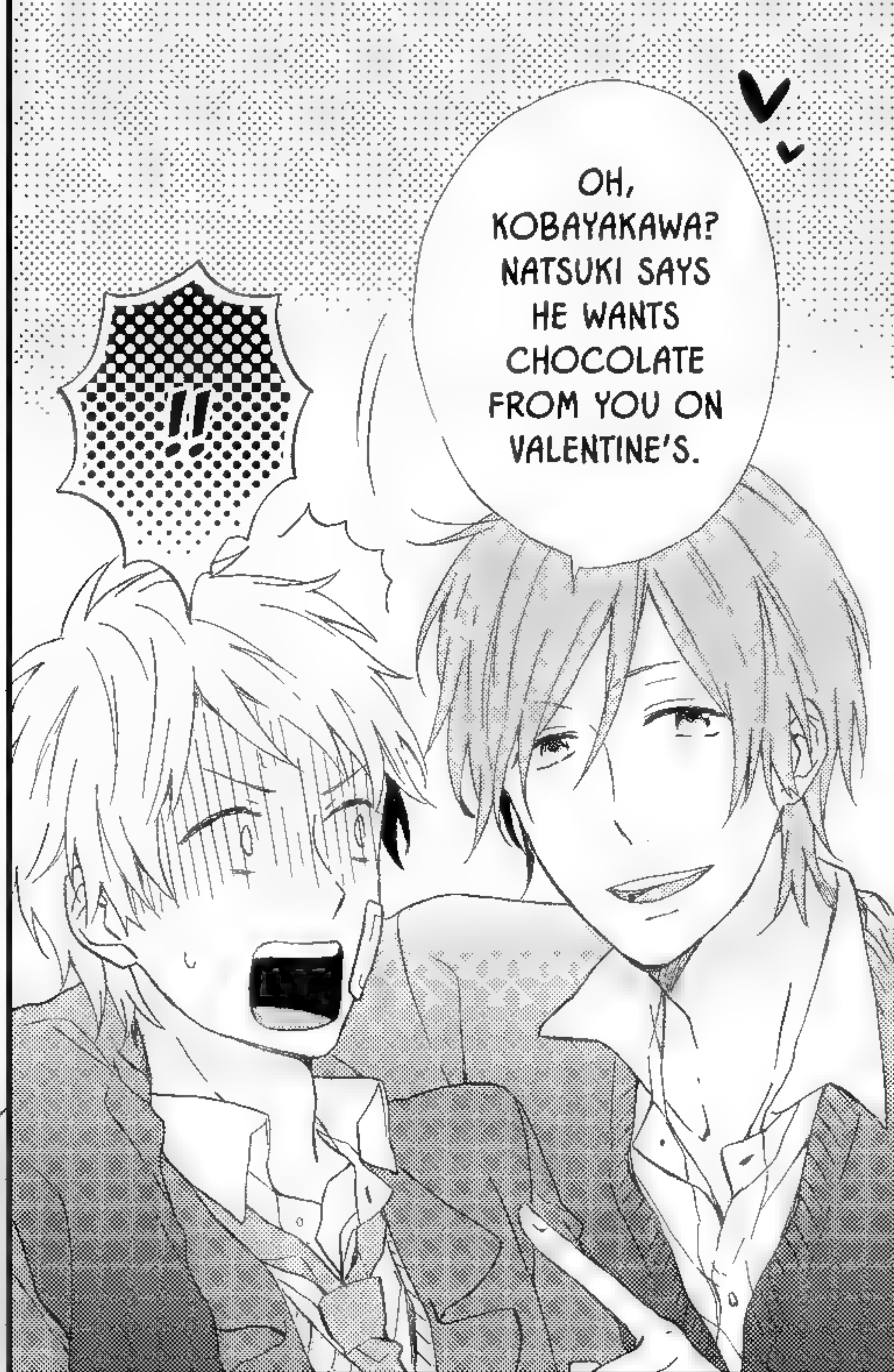
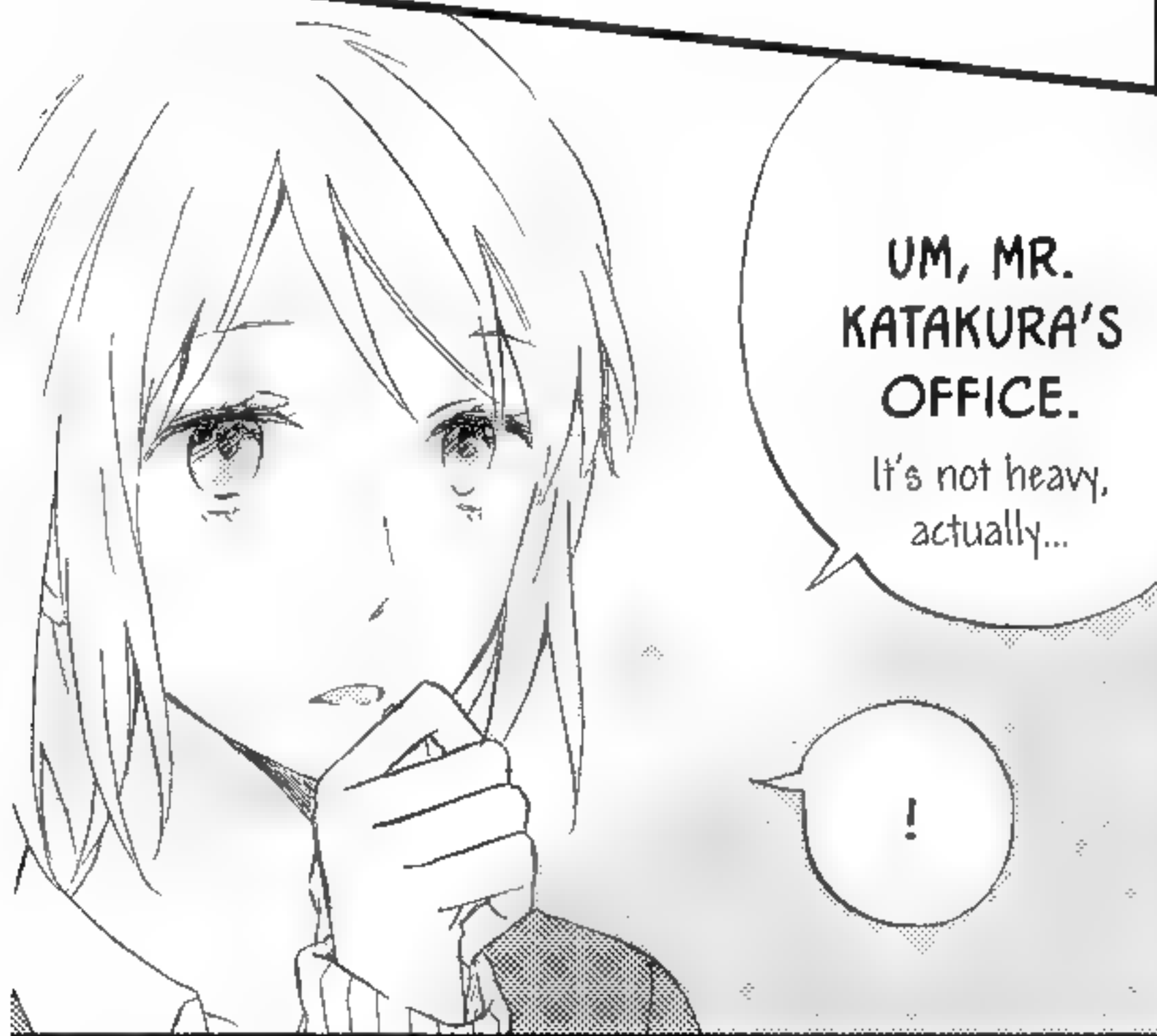
Y-YEAH!  
BASKETBALL!

We played a match!

OH...



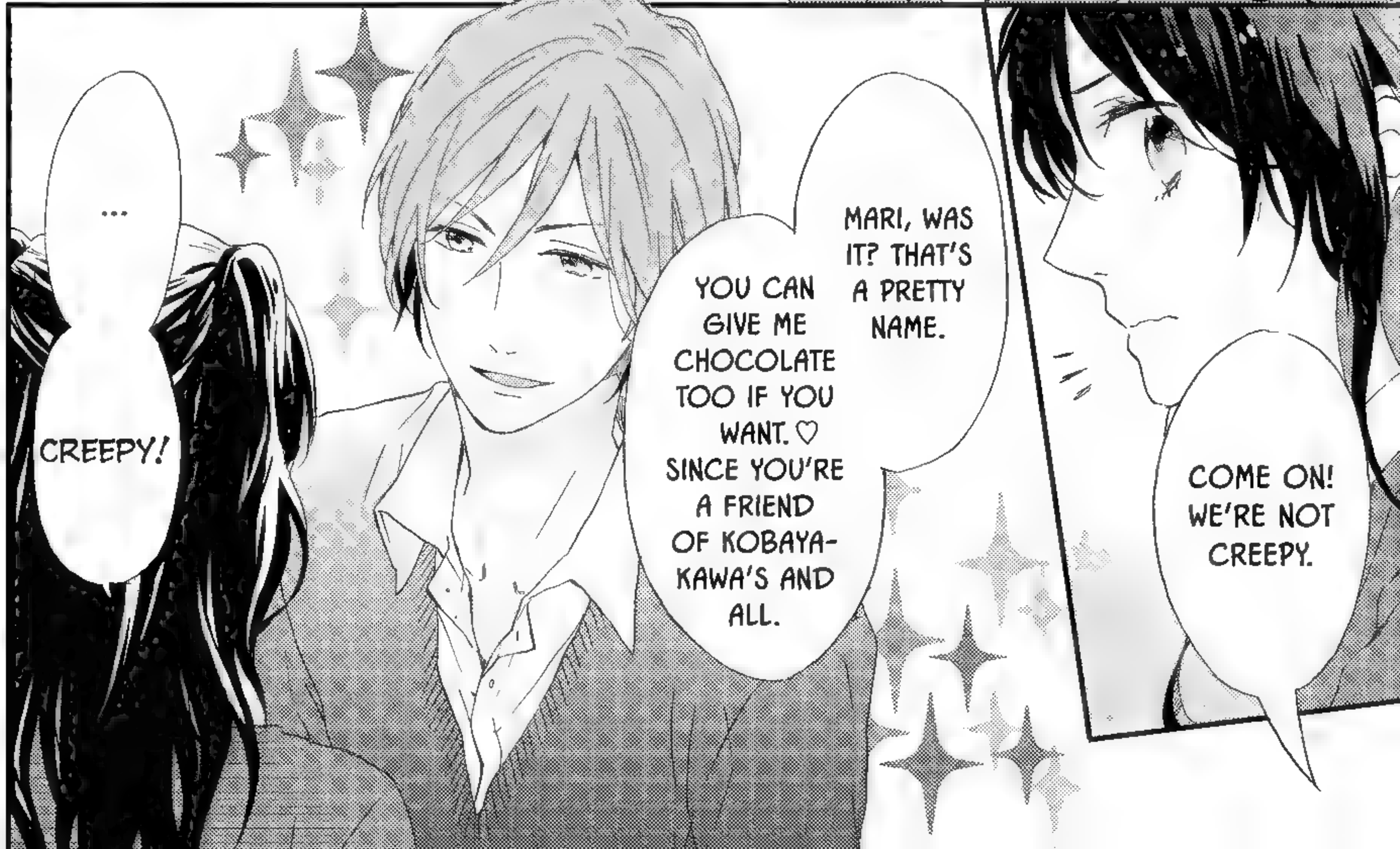








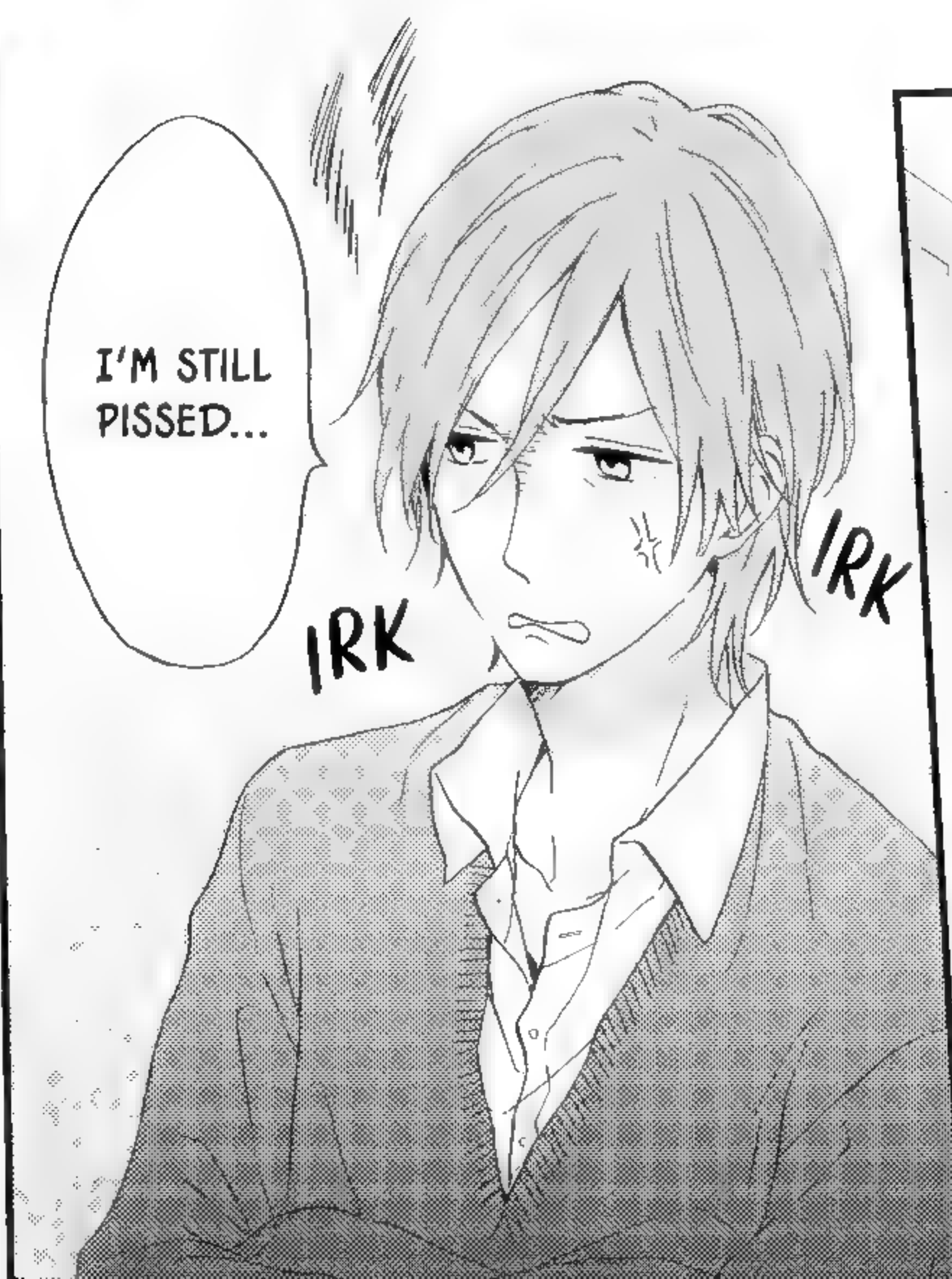














So, at the end of last year (2011), my assistants and I held a *bonenkai* (forget-the-year party).

There are no regular assistants at my place—the gang is different every time (even now) get whoever's available to come along

Some assistants were like, "There are people I always hear about but haven't ever actually met!" I thought, "Well, they're always helping me out, so why not hold a *bonenkai*? Come on, everyone!"

And it was lots of fun! They're all really great people!!

They understand my baffling way of giving instructions. ("Do the thing here, okay?") What's "the thing"?

They give me pep talks when I'm sleepy, they make me laugh by being ridiculously goofy, they sing Morning Musume medleys at karaoke with total abandon... And they're really good! I truly feel like I've met some wonderful people.

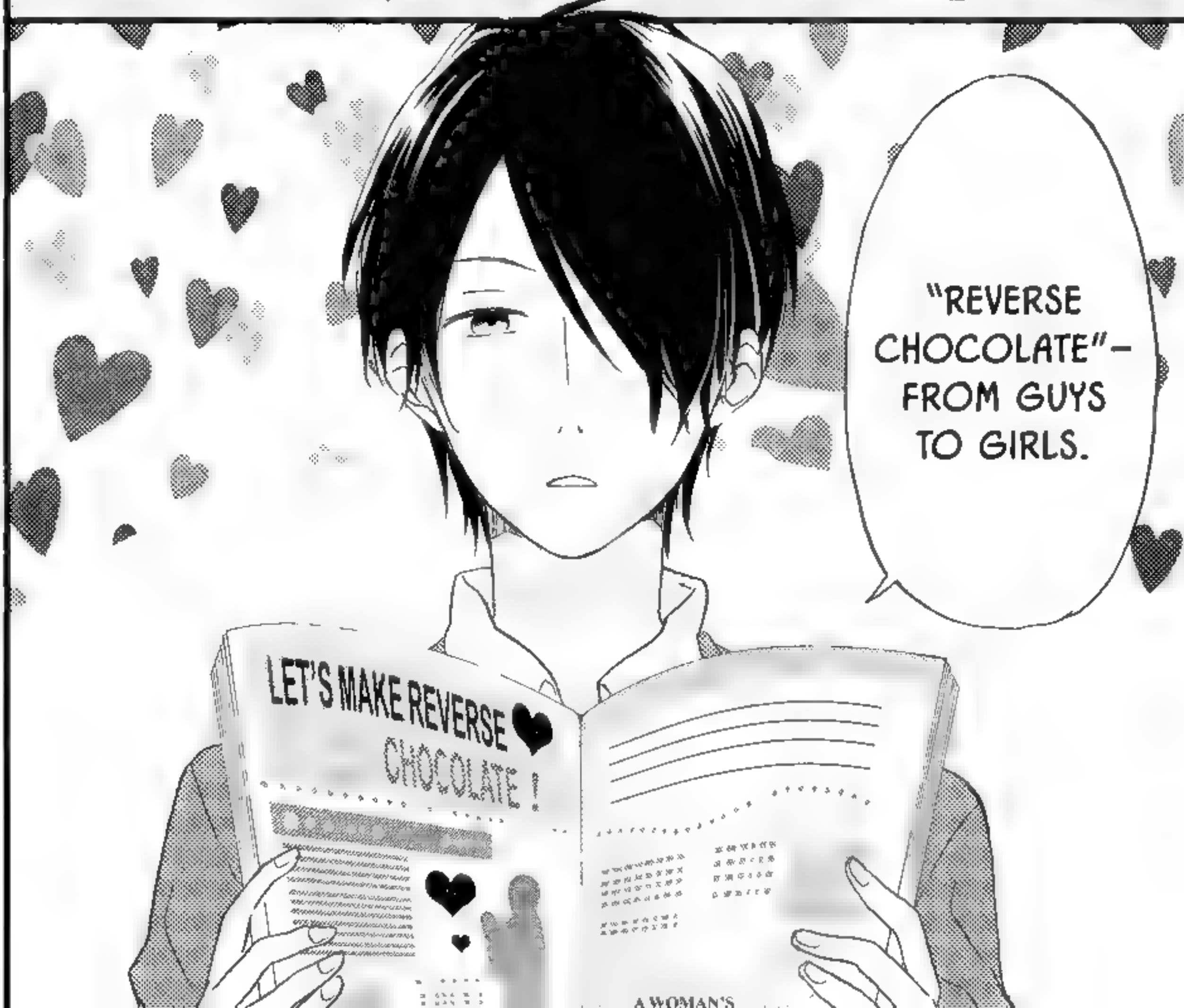
A few of those assistants drew some illustrations for me, so I included them in this book. ♡

I love getting illustrations!! I don't normally have many chances to see their art, so whenever I'm working with an assistant for the first time, I'm like, "Gimme a picture!" (laugh) Yep, I'm annoying...

But they give them to me!  
They're all so nice. ♡

Of course I also love getting them from readers too! ♡ ♡ Please send them in! BAM!

I want to admire them and grin like an idiot! Geh heh heh...











UH, SORRY,  
BUT CAN WE  
MAKE THEM  
INSTEAD?

I DID  
WANT TO  
THANK  
HER FOR  
THOSE!

You're not  
asking her  
out?

IF YOU  
WANT  
TO BUY  
THEM, I'LL  
COME!

RIGHT?

I'm single—  
I've got the  
time!



CALL IT A  
THANK-YOU  
FOR THOSE  
KARAOKE  
COUPONS.

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO  
MAKE IT  
A WHOLE  
THING.

OH

YOU'RE  
RIGHT! THAT  
WOULD  
WORK!



APPARENTLY  
IMAGINING THE  
GUY MAKING  
THEM IS PART  
OF THE APPEAL.

She's an  
otaku, so...

MY  
GIRLFRIEND  
REQUESTED  
HANDMADE  
CHOCO-  
LATES.

WHAT?

Make  
them?



GEH.

MATTSUN  
KNOWS HOW  
TO MAKE  
SWEETS.

NOT TO  
WORRY,  
GUYS.

YOU  
NEVER  
COOK AT  
HOME?

For your  
sisters?

BUT I'VE  
NEVER MADE  
SWEETS  
BEFORE.

EASY  
MEALS,  
SURE...

Would that do?



REALLY ?!

...FINE.

THEN CAN WE GO TO YOUR PLACE THE DAY BEFORE FOR A CRASH COURSE?  
For pro-level sweet making

MAKE YOUR OWN!

ACTUALLY, COULD YOU MAKE MINE FOR ME?  
I can't be bothered

YEAH, BUT...

YOU MENTIONED MAKING A TART FOR YOUR LITTLE SISTER THAT ONE TIME, RIGHT?

HUH?!

HEY!

That's pretty rude!

VERY FUNNY!

HEH HEH HEH HEH

I DON'T MIND HELPING THEM OUT, BUT...

...

I am busy!

SURE...

I'M OFF TO VISIT ANOTHER CLASS.

Have fun!

THAT SOUNDS BETTER THAN GOING TO A STORE FULL OF GIRLS!

YEP.

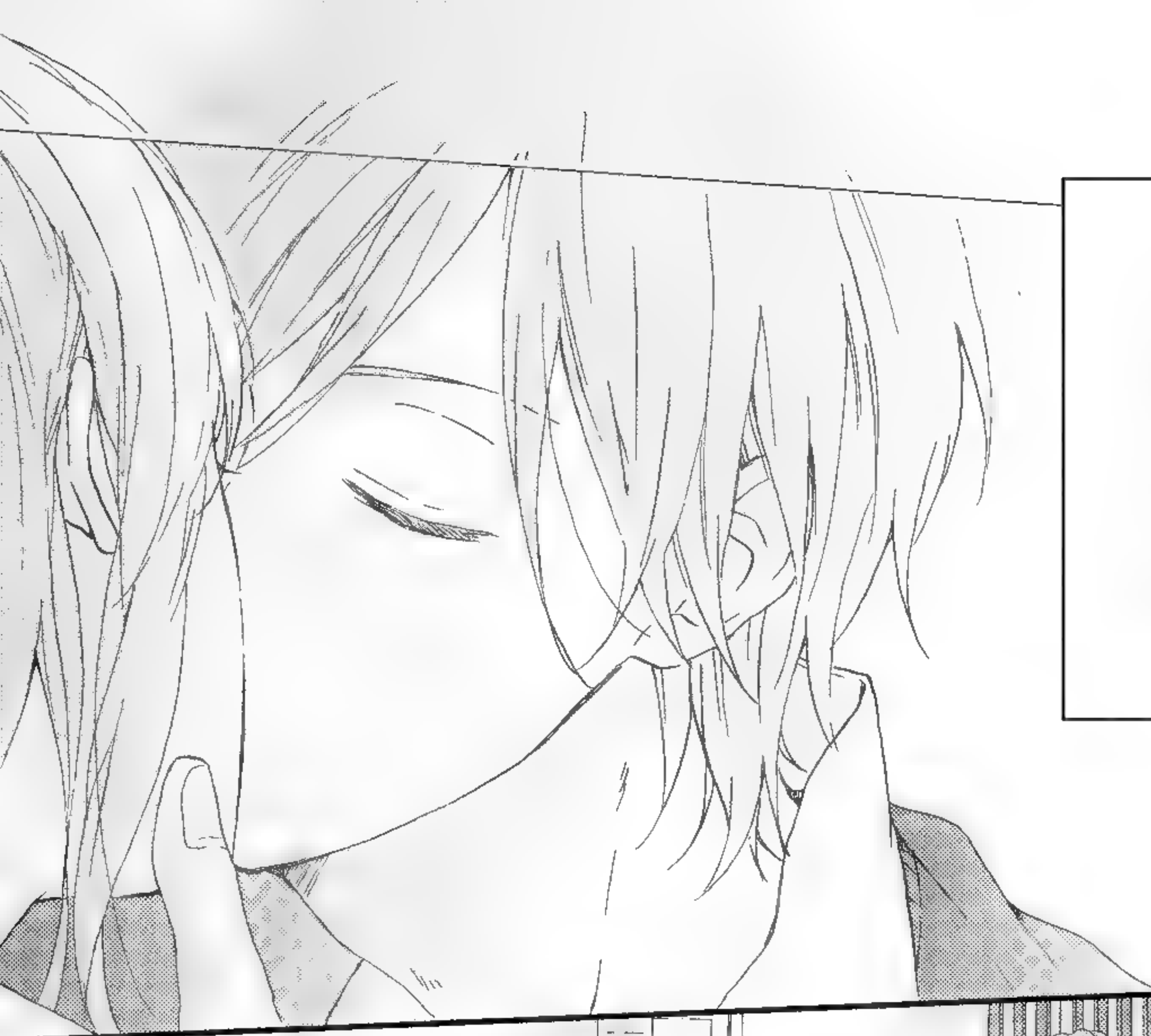
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM THAT?

S I G H

HA HA

SORRY! BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE BUSY.





I DON'T  
GET WHY  
THEY'D  
GO TO  
SO MUCH  
TROUBLE.

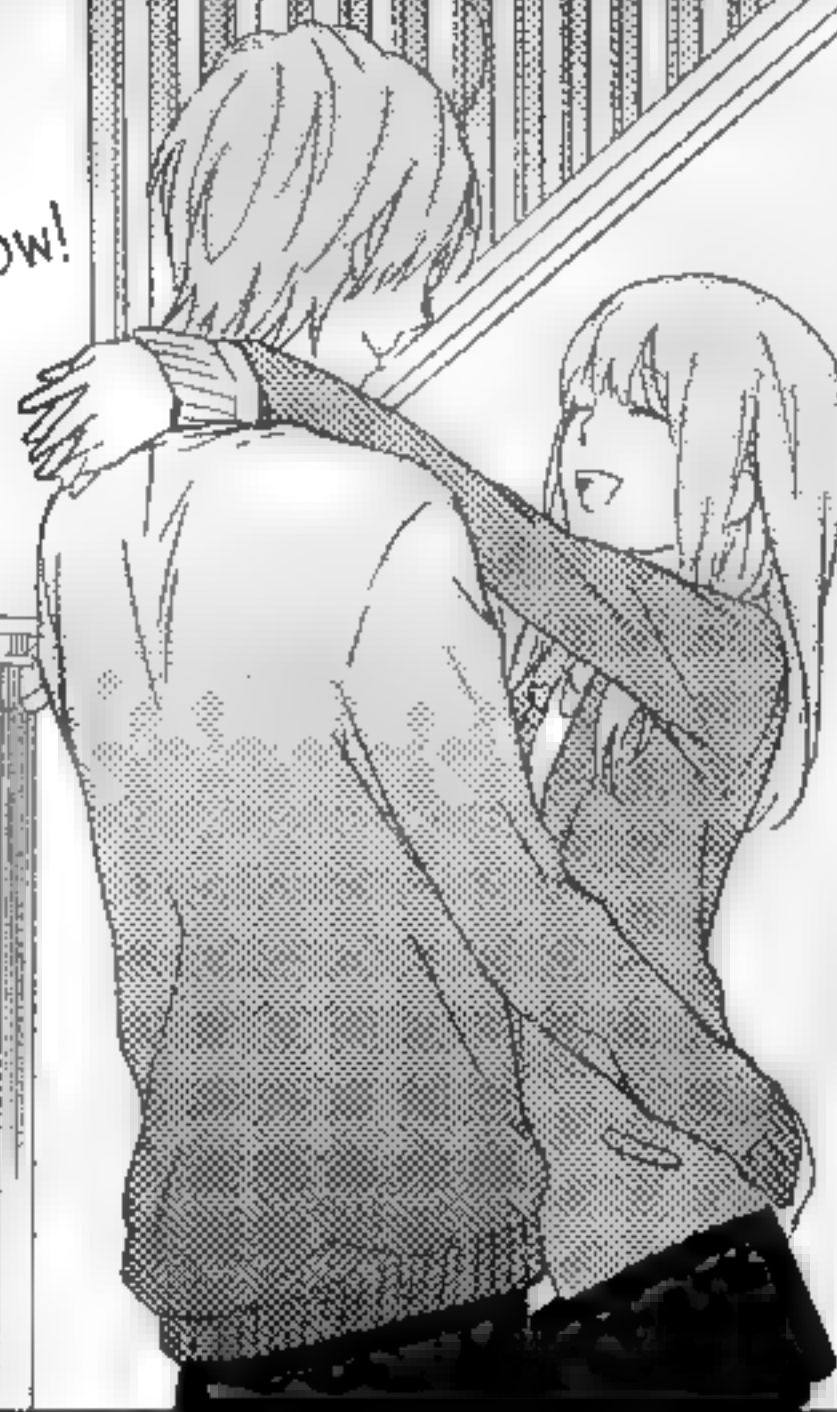
...AND  
MUCH  
MORE  
THRILL-  
ING.

IT LETS ME  
KEEP THINGS  
THE WAY I  
LIKE THEM.  
IT'S EASIER,  
MORE FUN...

WHY STICK  
TO ONE GIRL  
WHEN I CAN  
DATE A FEW  
AT A TIME?

I  
know!

Ah ha ha!  
It's been  
ages!



PLUS, THE  
WHOLE  
POINT OF  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY...

MATTSUN?

I GUESS I  
PREFER IT  
WHEN GIRLS  
COOK FOR  
ME.

I want  
them to!

Aww. We  
have to go  
back

DONG  
DONG

I'VE  
MADE  
SWEETS  
FOR MY  
FAMILY,  
BUT...

...I'VE  
NEVER EVEN  
THOUGHT  
OF GIVING  
ANY TO  
GIRLS.









KOBAYAKAWA,  
RIGHT?  
THEY'RE  
ALWAYS  
TOGETHER.

NOT AT  
ALL! I JUST  
KNOW ONE  
OF HER  
FRIENDS.

ACTUALLY,  
I'VE NEVER  
SEEN TSUTSUI  
WITH ANYONE  
ELSE.

SIGH

REALLY?



WHAT'S  
WITH HER,  
ANYWAY?!

That  
stupid...!

MATTSON,  
YOU'RE  
FRIENDS  
WITH  
TSUTSUI?

SHE'S  
IN THIS  
CLASS?!



HUH.

KOBAYAKAWA  
IS REALLY  
QUIET...

...BUT TSUTSUI IS  
SUPER ABRASIVE.  
I THINK SHE  
HATES GUYS.

I'm too  
scared  
to talk to  
her.

HATES  
GUYS?

WELL,  
THAT  
TRACKS.

Even so,  
she's harsh

Uh...  
The teacher  
is looking  
for you.  
Shut up!  
Don't talk  
to me, you  
creep!

Huh  
?!





AGAIN?!

HA  
HA

IF SHE  
HATES  
GUYS, FINE,  
BUT...

Quit  
looking  
at me,  
freak!

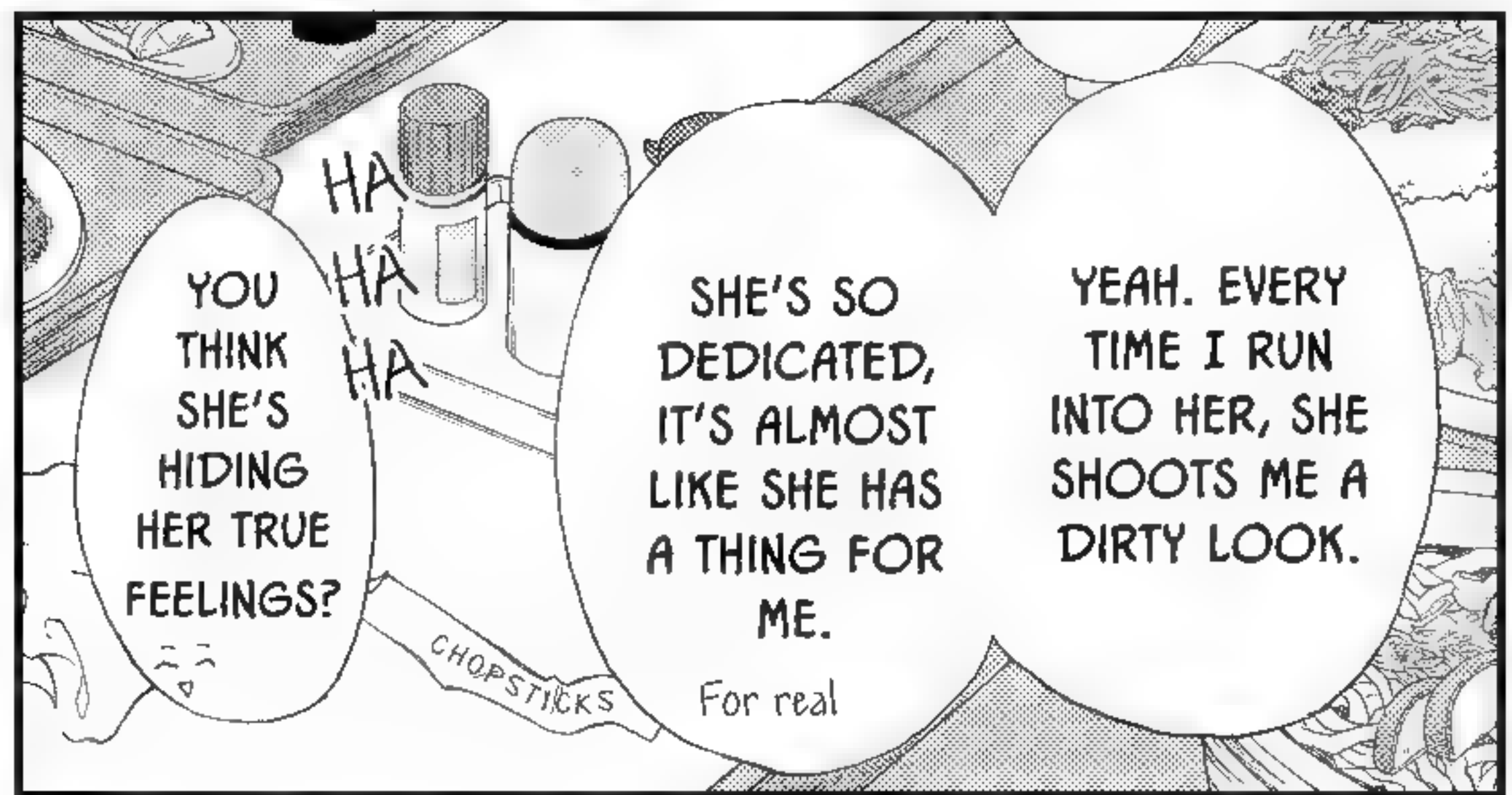
UH-  
OH...  
Spotted...



MATTSUNI  
I'LL BE AT  
YOUR PLACE  
RIGHT AFTER  
SCHOOL  
TOMORROW,  
AFTER I GO  
HOME AND  
CHANGE.

...CAN'T  
SHE JUST  
IGNORE  
ME?!













OKAY, THEN.  
LET'S MAKE  
TRUFFLES.



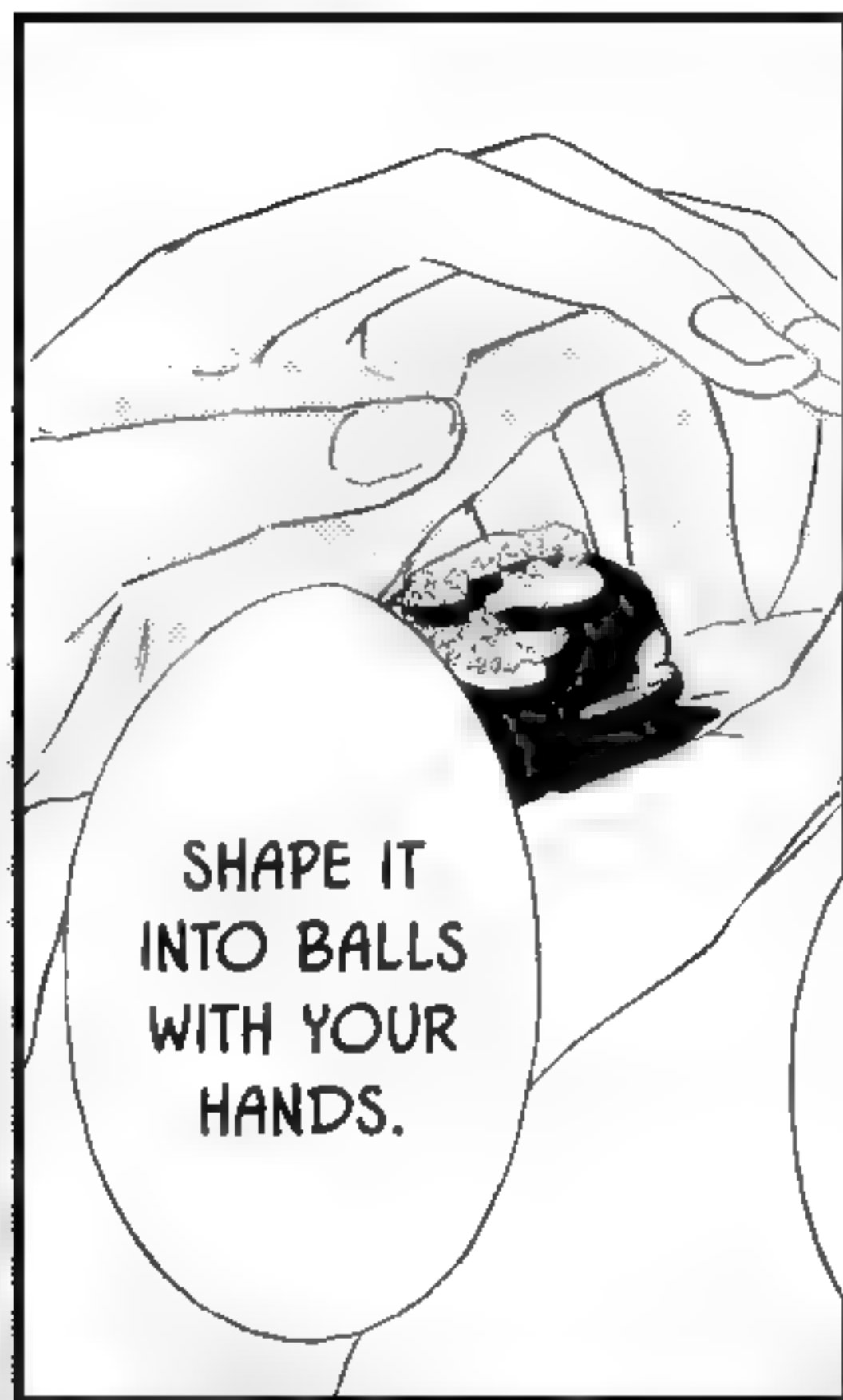
IT'S AN  
EASY  
RECIPE.

Tsuyoshi, put  
that *Jump*  
away.

YES,  
SIR!



ADD  
WHATEVER  
POWDER  
YOU LIKE.



SHAPE IT  
INTO BALLS  
WITH YOUR  
HANDS.



FIRST,  
CRUMBLE THE  
CHOCOLATE  
AND MELT IT  
IN A BOWL  
FLOATING IN  
HOT WATER.

MIX IN  
SOME  
CREAM.  
  
LET IT  
SET A  
LITTLE.









YOU'RE REALLY BAD AT THIS.

Are you even trying?

FOR SOME REASON I CAN'T MAKE THEM ROUND...



WHEN YOU'RE DONE, DUST IT WITH WHICHEVER...

HMM. HOLD ON...



I GUESS.

YOUR PERSONALITY COMES OUT IN STUFF LIKE THIS, HUH?

LOOK AT NATCHAN.



HE'S GONE FULL ARTISAN.

?!



THIS ONE'S 0.08 MM BIGGER THAN THE OTHERS... I'd better file it down

THEY MUST ALL BE EQUALLY ROUND AND EXQUISITE!

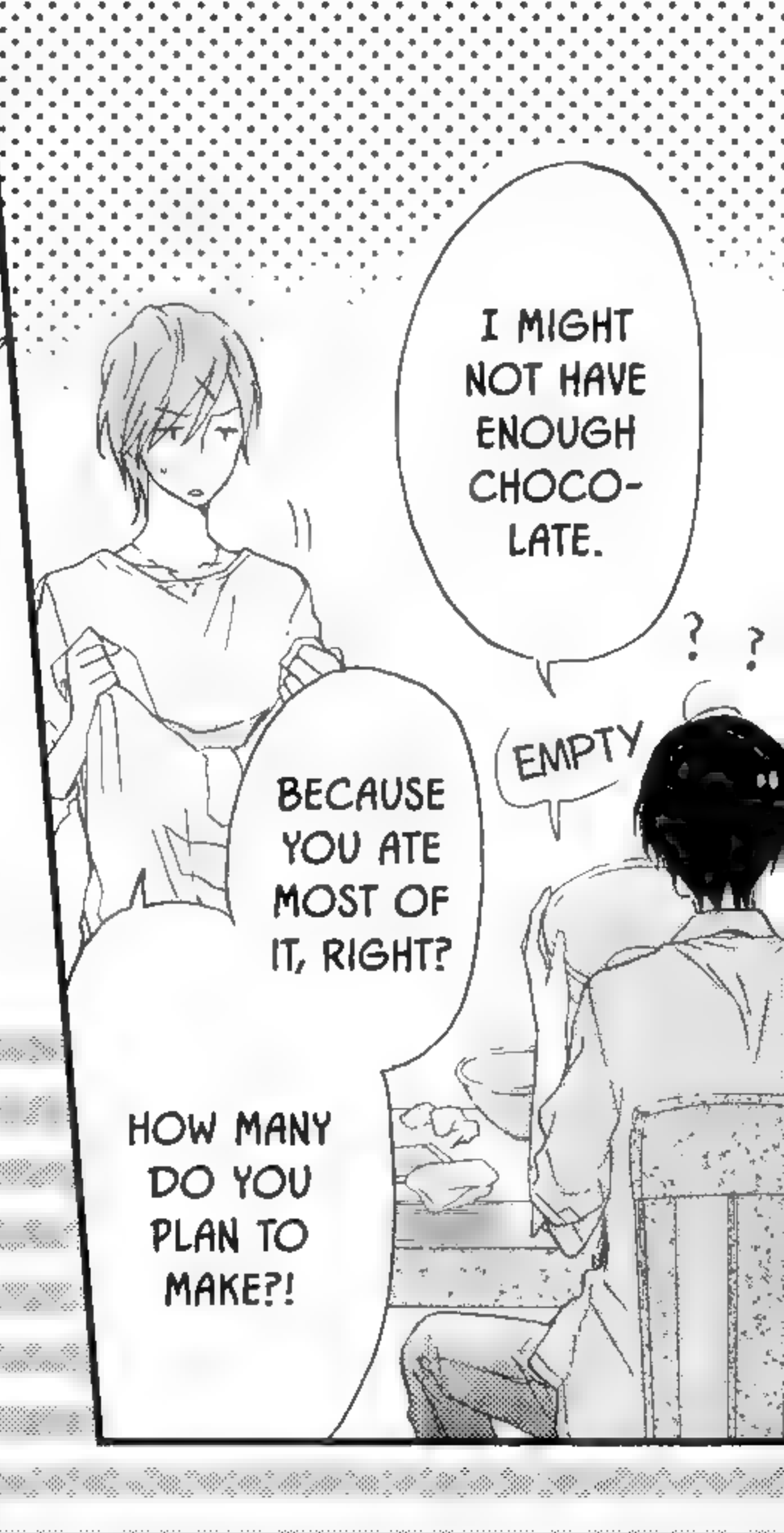
YOU'RE USING A FILE?!

The friction will melt it!

HE'S CERTAINLY DETAIL ORIENTED.

I don't even know where to start!









NATCHAN IS  
IN ARTISAN  
MODE. HE  
CAN'T HEAR  
YOU.  
So, you got a  
container?

...FOR, YOU  
KNOW...  
PLAYING.

I WANT TO  
TAKE SOME  
MELTED  
CHOCOLATE  
HOME...

**NATSUKI!**  
**THAT'S YOUR**  
**CUE TO GET**  
**ANGRY!**



I'm  
done  
with  
this!

...AREN'T  
EVEN TRYING  
TO MAKE  
TRUFFLES  
ANymore!

**YOU  
GUYS...**

WHY  
DOES IT  
HAVE TO  
BE TRUF-  
FLES?

**BECAUSE**  
**THAT'S WHAT**  
**I WAS KIND**  
**ENOUGH TO**  
**TEACH YOU! DO**  
**WHAT I SAY!**

**YOU**  
**STICK**  
**TO**  
**YOUR**  
**WORK!**

**I'M**  
**MAKING**  
**THEM**  
**NOW!**

Look how  
serious I  
am!

**THAT'S**  
**TYRANNY!**

We need a  
case-by-case  
approach!

**SHUT**  
**UP!**









Grip

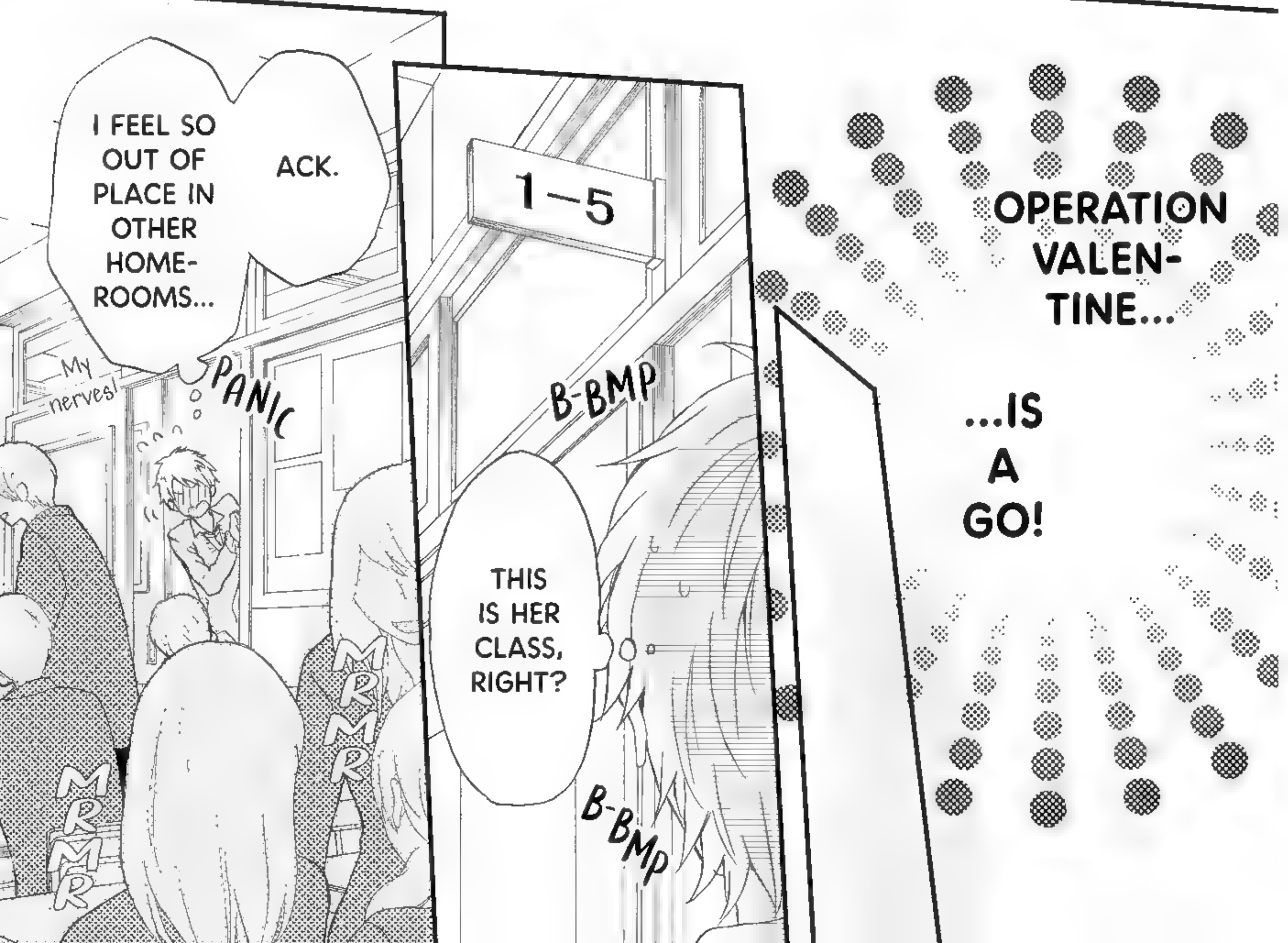
I'LL BE  
DOING  
THAT...  
ALONE, I  
GUESS?

OH... HUH?

IT'LL BE  
FINE!

I CAN  
TALK TO  
HER NOW!

OBVIOUSLY.



I FEEL SO  
OUT OF  
PLACE IN  
OTHER  
HOME-  
ROOMS...

ACK.

1-5

B-BMP

THIS  
IS HER  
CLASS,  
RIGHT?

B-BMP

OPERATION  
VALEN-  
TINE...

...IS  
A  
GO!

















HEY!

104

HE WORKED  
HARD TO  
MAKE THIS.  
DON'T  
THROW IT  
AWAY.

THIS  
ISN'T  
TRASH.

























THAT  
WAS  
CUTE.

HA  
HA...

SLAM

TROMP

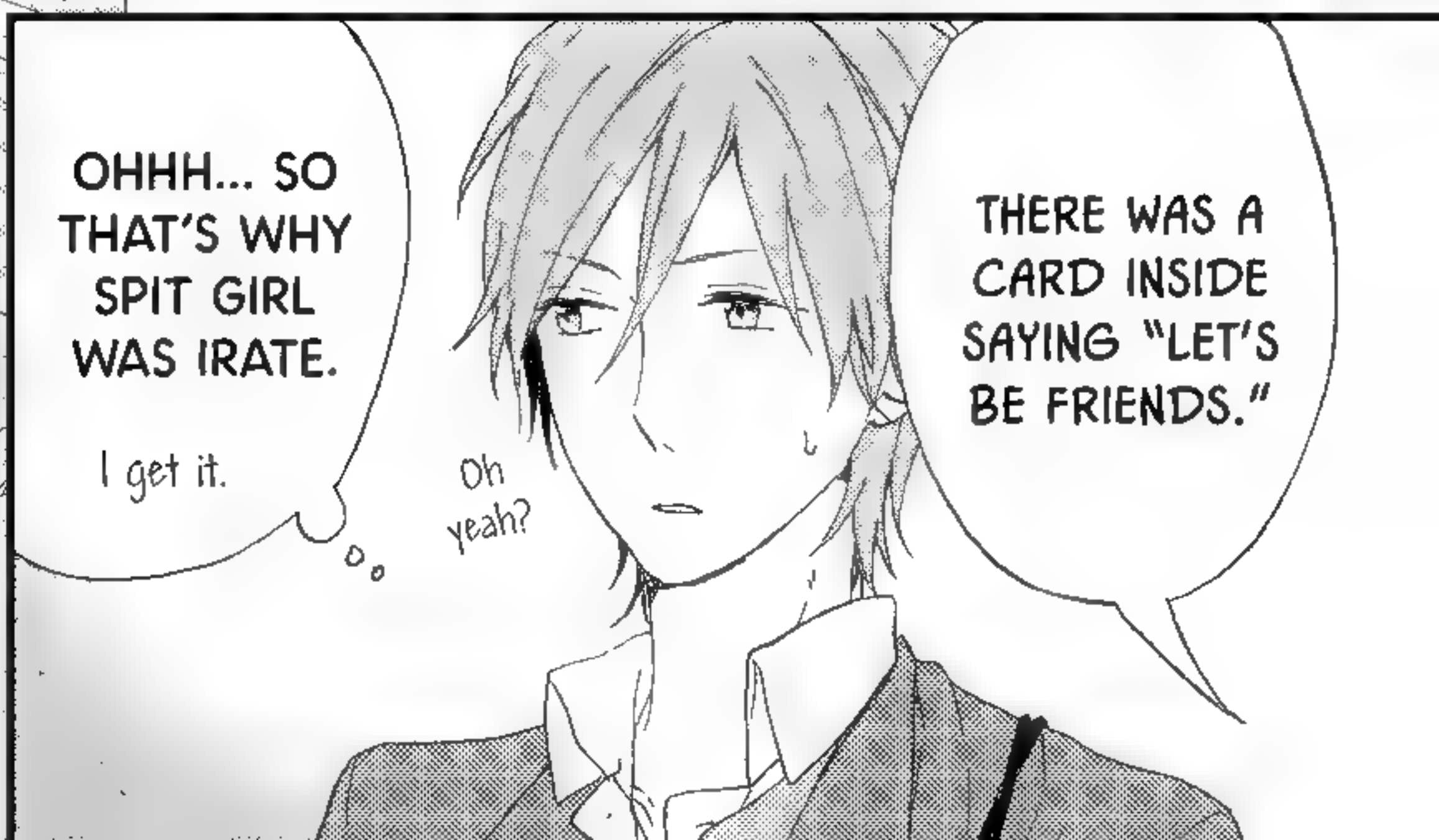
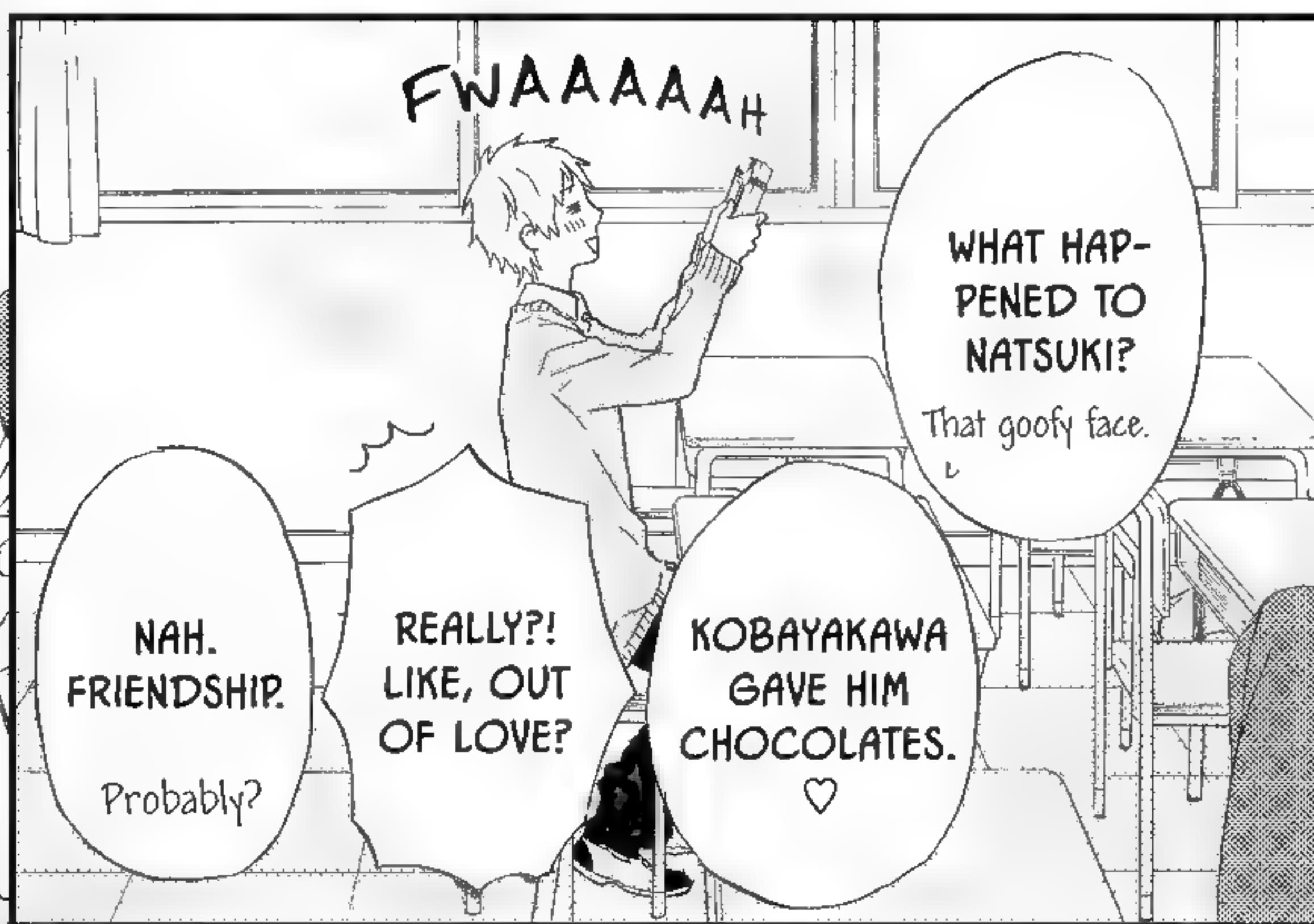
TROMP

TROMP

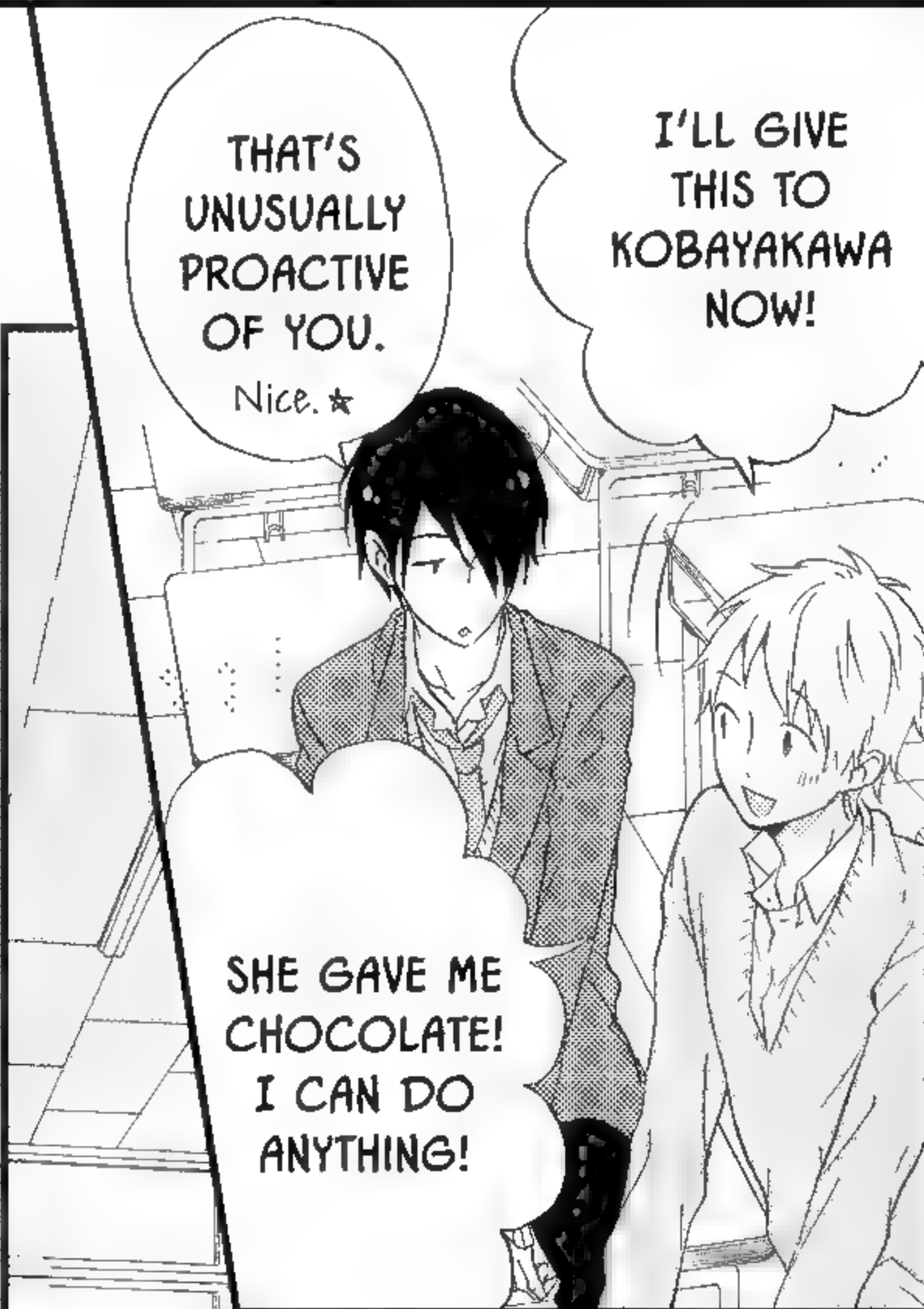
...HM?

HUH?!











...BUT...  
I DON'T  
REALLY  
KNOW...



TROMP

TROMP

...SHE WAS  
REALLY  
CUTE, YOU  
KNOW?

WHO  
WAS?



OH, I  
ALREADY  
DID.

YOU  
DEFINITELY  
SHOULDN'T  
GIVE ANY  
GUYS  
CHOCO-  
LATE!

WHAT?!



WATK



Also, I  
can't  
breathe

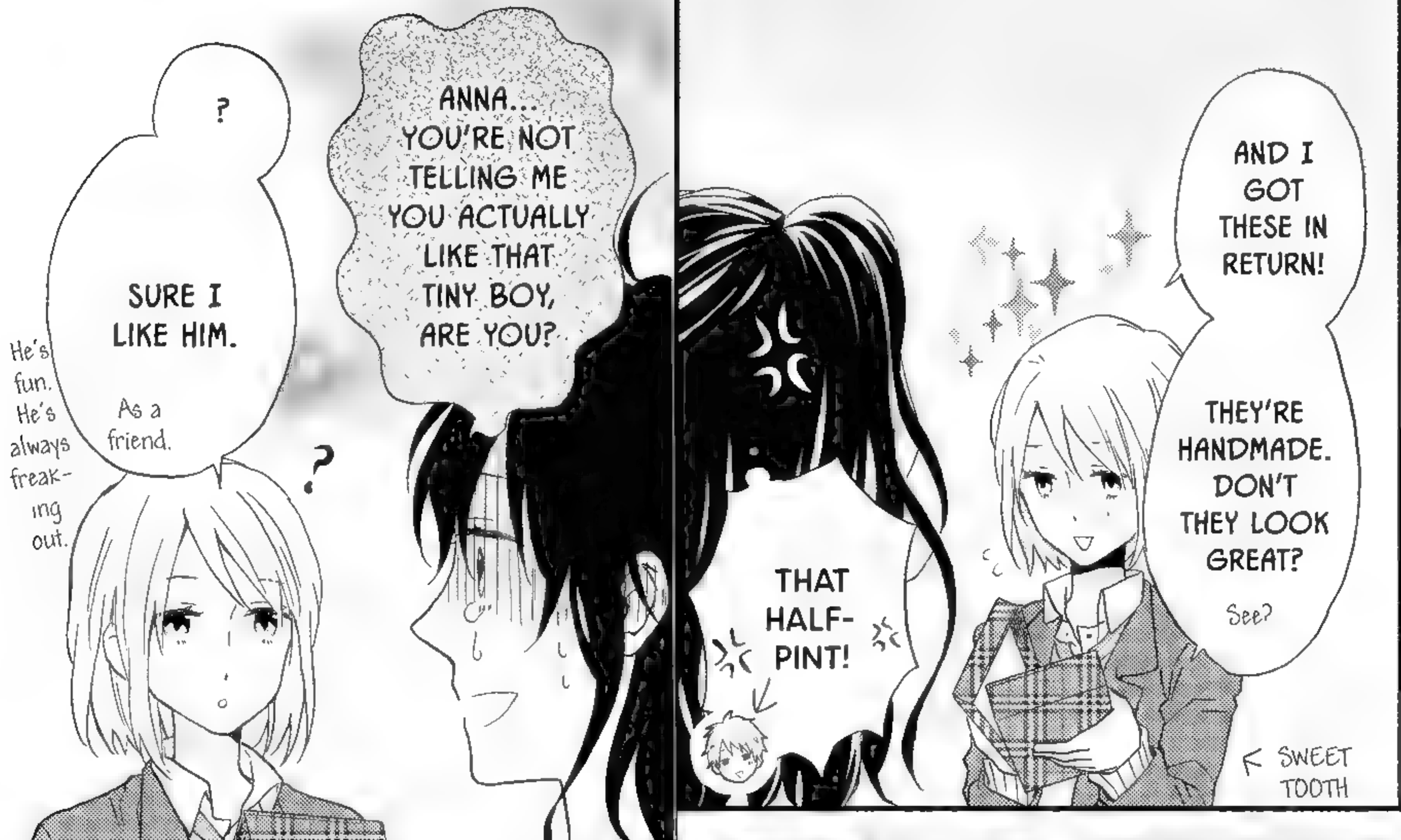
WHAT  
HAP-  
PENED?

HUG

IT WAS SO  
GROSS AND  
CREEPY! I  
COULD DIE!

ANNA!  
MY LIFE IS  
RUINED!







AND SO  
EVERYONE ENDED  
VALENTINE'S DAY  
IN THEIR OWN  
WAY...

NO, IT'S  
CHOCO-  
LATE...

THAT'S  
GARBAGE!

Throw  
those away!

...AND  
THINGS  
RETURNED  
TO...

...NORMAL?

WHAT  
HAP-  
PENED?!

Are you  
okay?!

Huh?!

Why. ?

She knows  
I like black  
hair!

I MIGHT  
BREAK  
UP WITH  
MY GIRL-  
FRIEND.



# Rainbow Days

## Chapter 3

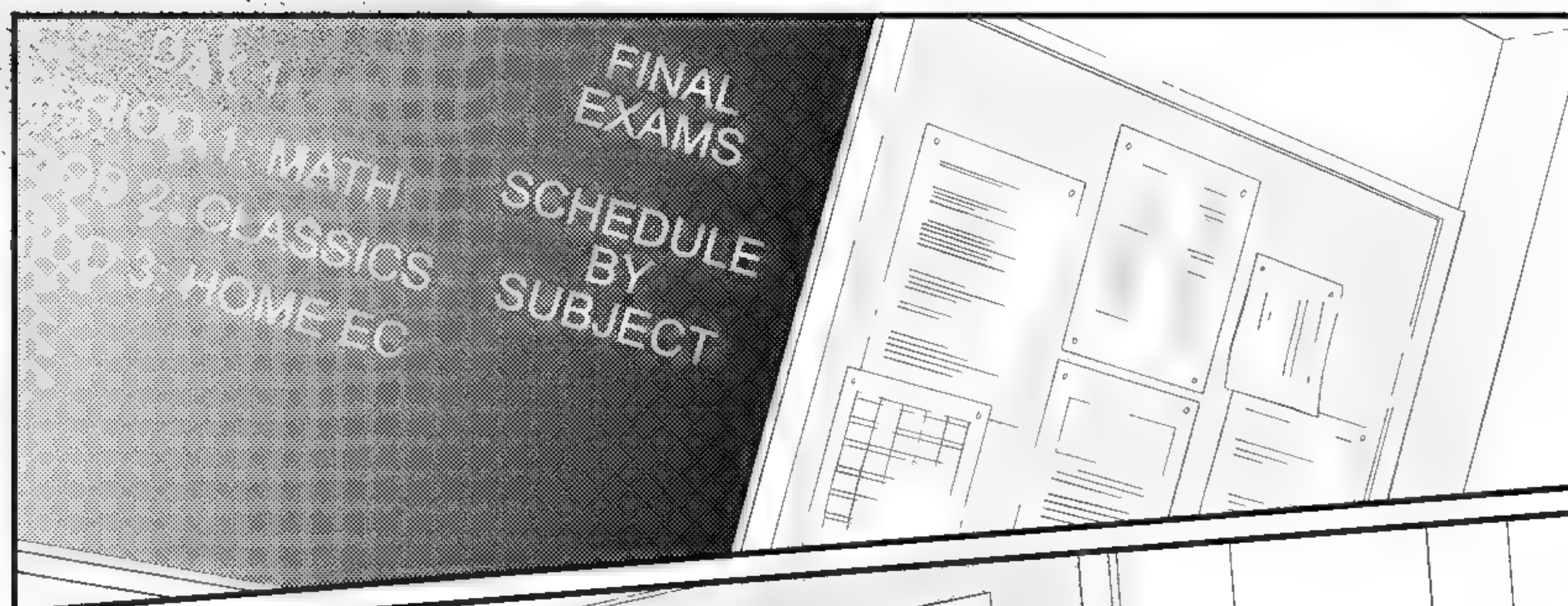




OR SO  
YOU  
MIGHT  
THINK...

SPRING  
BREAK IS  
ALMOST  
HERE!  
WOO!

MARCH!











**...NEED TO TAKE MAKEUP EXAMS!**

FINAL MAKEUP EXAM  
STUDENT LIST  
CLASS 1-3  
HOMEROOM TEACHER: KATAKURA

- Katakura, Keiichi
- Hashiba, Natsuki
- Matsunaga, Tomoya

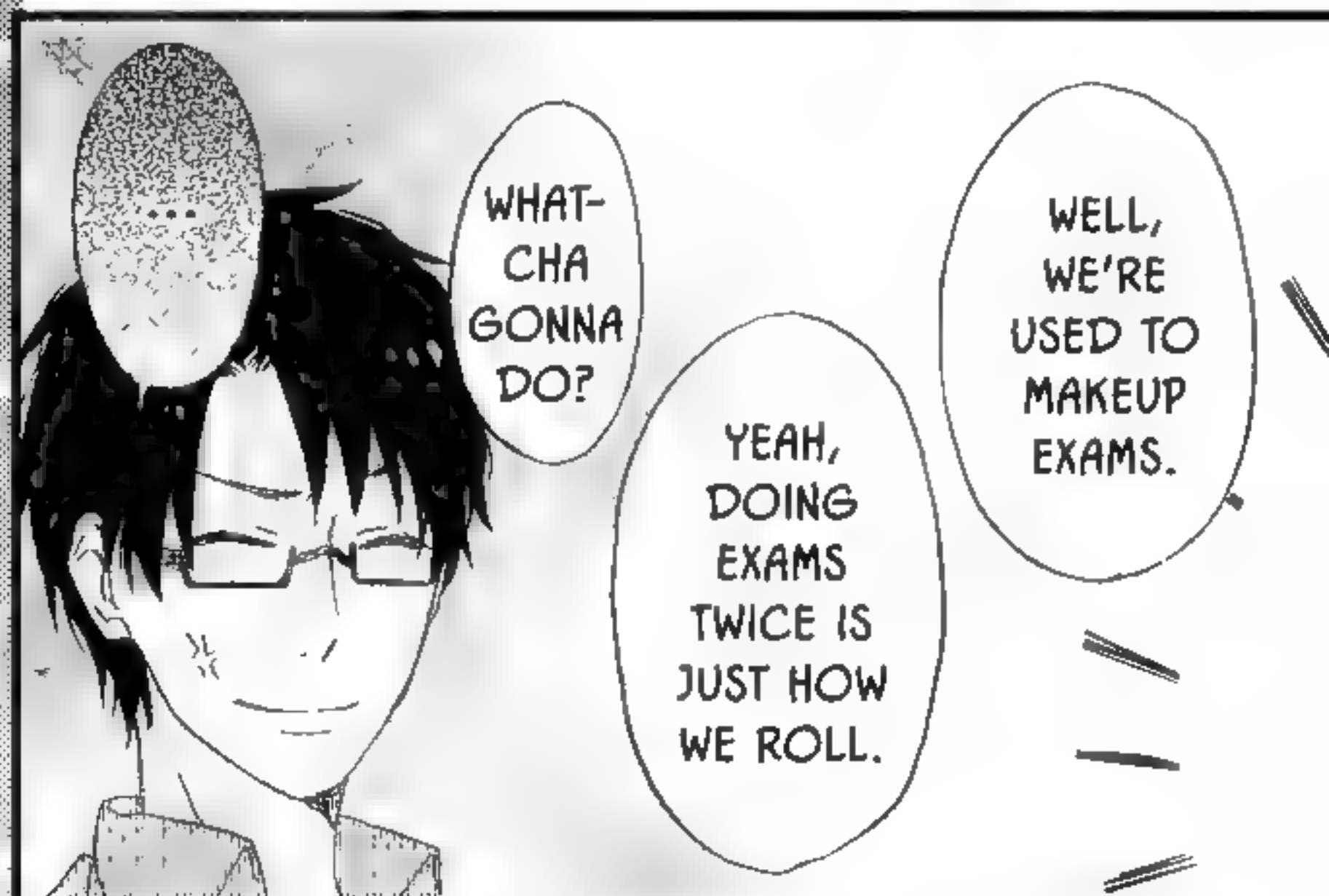
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**...HELD BACK A YEAR!!!**

FINAL MAKEUP EXAM  
STUDENT LIST  
CLASS 1-3  
HOMEROOM TEACHER: KATAKURA

- Katakura, Keiichi
- Hashiba, Natsuki
- Matsunaga, Tomoya

END





...THE  
WORST-CASE  
SCENARIO  
CAME INTO  
PLAY.

1-3

SO  
BASI-  
CALLY...

...YOU  
NEED A 50  
AVERAGE ON  
YOUR EXAMS  
IN THREE  
DAYS' TIME...

YOU  
SKIPPED  
TOO MANY  
DAYS?

...OR YOU  
REPEAT THE  
YEAR?

**WHAAAAT?!**

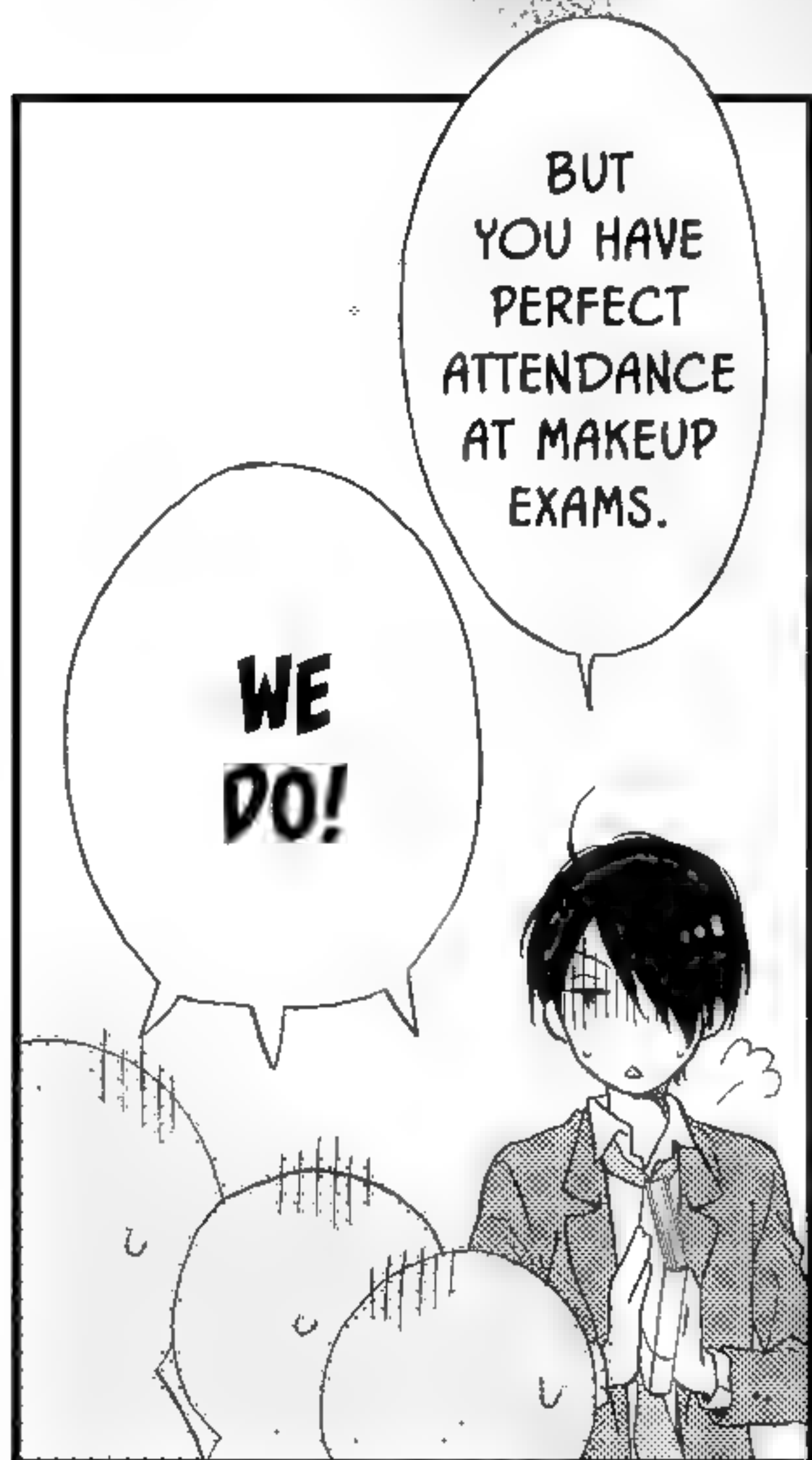
AND SO,  
WITH  
SPRING  
BREAK JUST  
AROUND  
THE  
CORNER...

Keep your  
voices down!

Mr.  
Katakura,  
help us!

**NOOOOOO!**





**WE DO!**

BUT YOU HAVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE AT MAKEUP EXAMS.

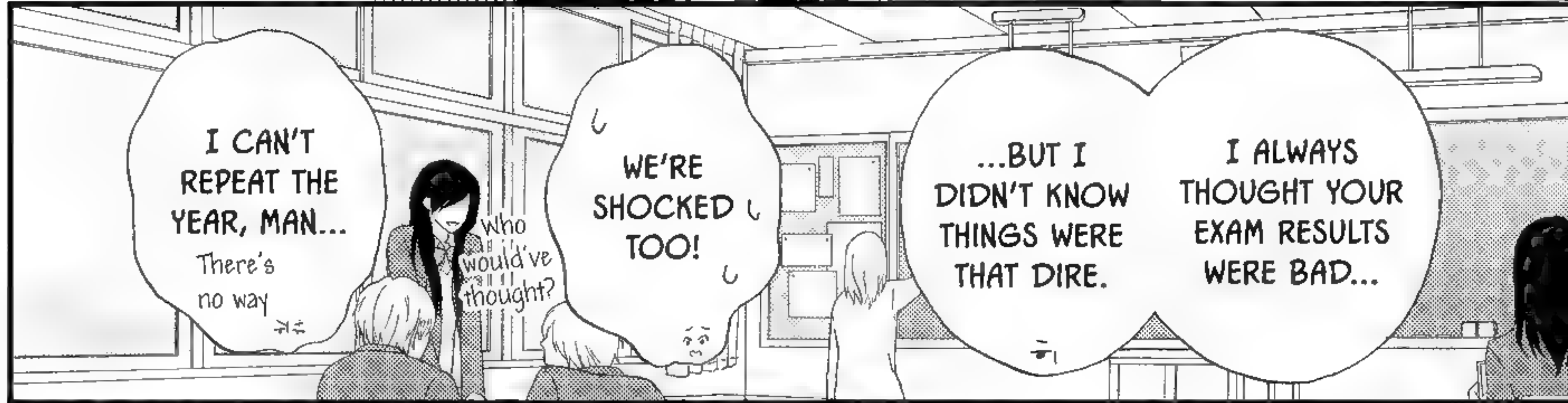


I PROBABLY SKIPPED WAY TOO MANY...  
not to mention being late

I DON'T KNOW... BUT HE SAID SO.

...

**GLOOM**



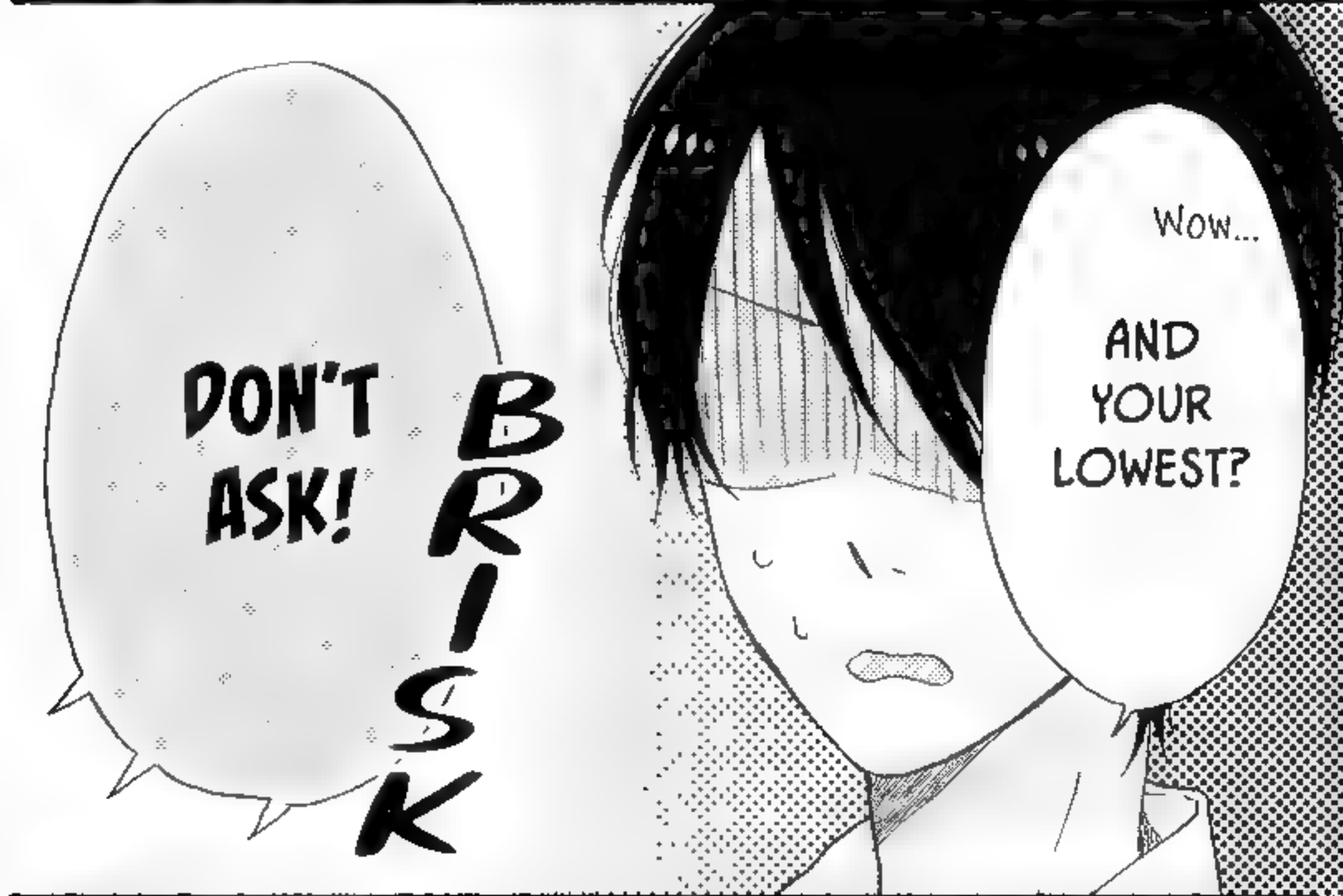
I CAN'T REPEAT THE YEAR, MAN...  
There's no way

Who would've thought?

WE'RE SHOCKED TOO!

...BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THINGS WERE THAT DIRE.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOUR EXAM RESULTS WERE BAD...



**DON'T ASK!**

**B R I S K**

Wow...  
AND YOUR LOWEST?



I GOT 23 ON GEOGRAPHY.

I GOT 25 ON CHEMISTRY.

INCIDENTALLY, WHAT WERE YOUR HIGHEST MARKS?

I GOT 16 ON JAPANESE.



Sorry.

Yep.

Oh...





...

HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA

THEY SAY  
KNOWING  
WHEN TO  
QUIT IS A  
KEY LIFE  
SKILL,  
RIGHT?

AND WE  
ONLY HAVE  
THREE  
DAYS!

THWUK

THWUK

SERIOUSLY,  
WHAT DO  
WE DO?!  
I HAVEN'T  
GOTTEN A  
MARK ABOVE  
50 ALL  
YEAR!



GLEAM

SO...

STUDY  
SESSION  
AT MY  
PLACE?

**YES!  
REALLY?!**

Please!

SURE.



Okay

Study:  
huh

We're  
saved!  
I  
think!

**YAY!**

CAN YOU  
TUTOR  
ALL THREE  
OF US AT  
ONCE?

THANK YOU,  
TSUYOPON!

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
BE THE  
ONLY  
ONE...  
...WHO  
PASSES  
THE  
YEAR.









IT'S A  
STUDY  
SESSION!

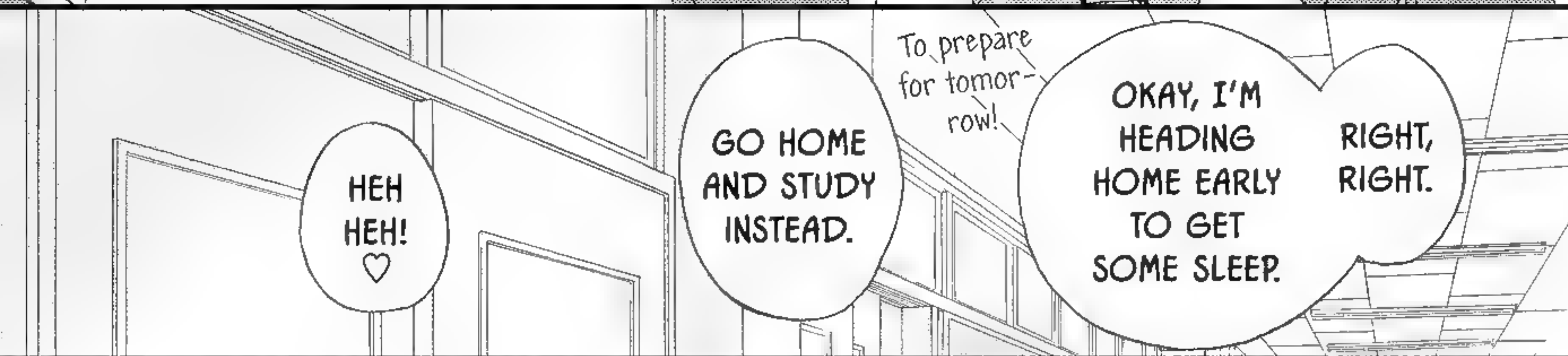
With  
penalty  
games!

WANT TO  
HOLD A  
MARIO KART  
TOURNA-  
MENT?

WE NEED  
TO STOCK  
UP ON  
SNACKS AND  
DRINKS!

NOW  
YOU'RE  
TALKING!

It'll be  
fun!



HEH  
HEH!  
♡

GO HOME  
AND STUDY  
INSTEAD.

To prepare  
for tomor-  
row!

OKAY, I'M  
HEADING  
HOME EARLY  
TO GET  
SOME SLEEP.

RIGHT,  
RIGHT.



AH!

NOT THAT  
THEY'RE SWEATY  
ENOUGH TO  
NEED  
WASHING.  
Yours, at  
least.

I FORGOT  
MY GYM  
CLOTHES.  
HOLD ON.

WE'LL  
BE  
HERE.





TMP

TMP

NOW IF WE  
HAD ONE  
MORE TUTOR,  
WE COULD  
DO ONE-ON-  
ONES...

OKAY,  
FINE.

sub Sounds fun! ♪

MESSAGE

I'm there!!  
Look forward to my teache  
cosplay! \(\ ^\ ^ \)/  
★ Yukirin ★

...  
Is cosplay  
really  
necessary?



...Hi.



...Hi.

SHOULD I  
SAY SOME-  
THING  
ELSE?

SILENCE

Um...

...



DING







SORRY.

WHAT  
WAS THE  
HOLDUP?  
LET'S  
GO!



GOOD  
LUCK  
TOMOR-  
ROW!

NATCHAN...

THUB THUB

?

THANKS!

↑ COPYCAT



TMP

TMP

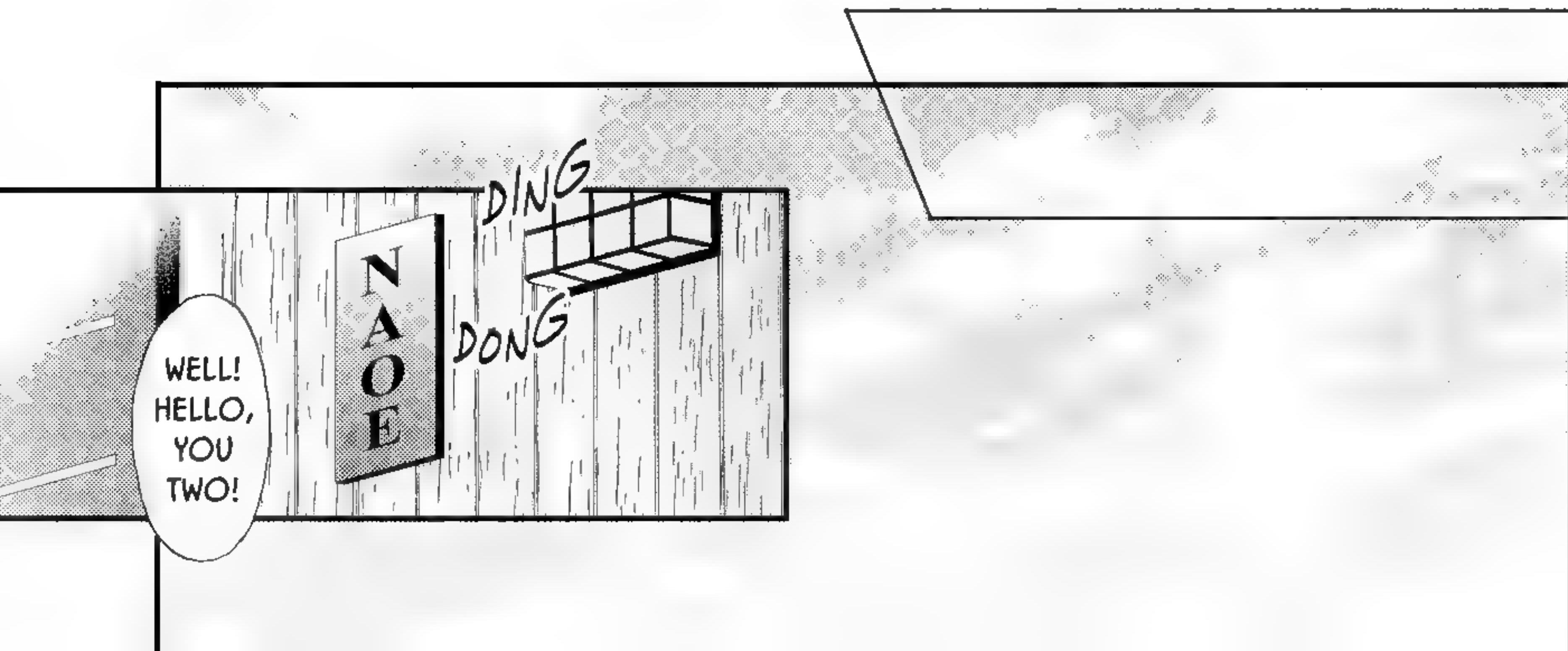
THERE  
HE IS!



?

...

(((



DING

DONG

NAOE

WELL!  
HELLO,  
YOU  
TWO!









CALL ME  
YUKIRIN!

I love  
cosplay!

This is  
my teacher  
costume!

THAT'S ME!  
NICE TO  
MEET YOU!  
I'M YUKIKO  
ASAI!

HEY!  
COULD  
YOU  
BE...

...TSUYO-  
PON'S  
COSPLAY-  
ING GIRL-  
FRIEND?!



OH...

Here's  
your  
tea!

Orange  
hair!

GAB

I MIGHT NOT  
LOOK IT, BUT  
I GET PRETTY  
GOOD MARKS  
AT SCHOOL!

SO YOU'RE  
NOT MUCH FOR  
STUDYING? NO  
PROBLEM! I'LL  
GET YOU INTO  
SHAPE!

I'VE HEARD  
SO MUCH  
ABOUT YOU.  
IT'S GREAT TO  
FINALLY MEET!

GAB



IS THERE  
A PROB-  
LEM?

Tsuyo-  
ponne.

NOPE,  
NO PROB-  
LEM.



YUKIRIN!

I HAVE SOME  
IDEAS THAT'D  
DEFINITELY  
SUIT YOU!

Like this...or  
maybe that!

HEY! IF WE  
FINISH EARLY,  
WANT TO  
COSPLAY  
TOGETHER?!



?!

"TSUYO-  
PONNE"?!

BWA  
HA

SORRY,  
TSUYOPONNE.

OKAY.

DON'T  
DISTRACT  
THEM!

Tee  
hee!





ISN'T THIS EVERYONE?

IS SOMEONE ELSE COMING?

NO, THERE'S ONE MORE!

Hm?



SHE DYED HER HAIR! WASN'T IT BLACK IN THE PHOTO WE SAW?

WAS IT? EITHER WAY, THIS IS HILARIOUS.

That nickname Heh!

Why can't I hug you?

Awww!

Get off!

LAUGHS EASILY



RIGHT ON TIME.

DING DONG



AH!

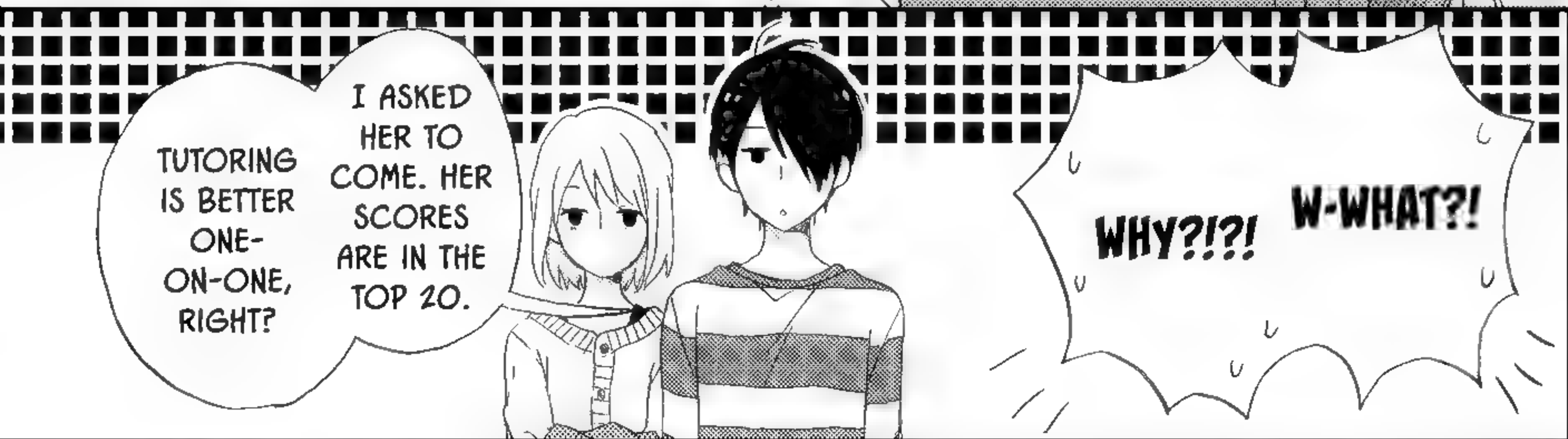
THANKS.



WHAT WAS THE NAME...?

RIGHT IN HERE.









STUDENT SIDE



TUTOR SIDE



...WILL  
TUTOR  
NATCHAN.



KOBAYA-  
KAWA...



...YOU'LL  
HELP  
KEI-CHAN.



YUKIRIN...

OPTIONAL  
ITEM



NO  
REA-  
SON.

WHY AM  
I THE ONLY  
ONE WHOSE  
NAME YOU  
DIDN'T  
SAY?!

SOUNDS  
GOOD!











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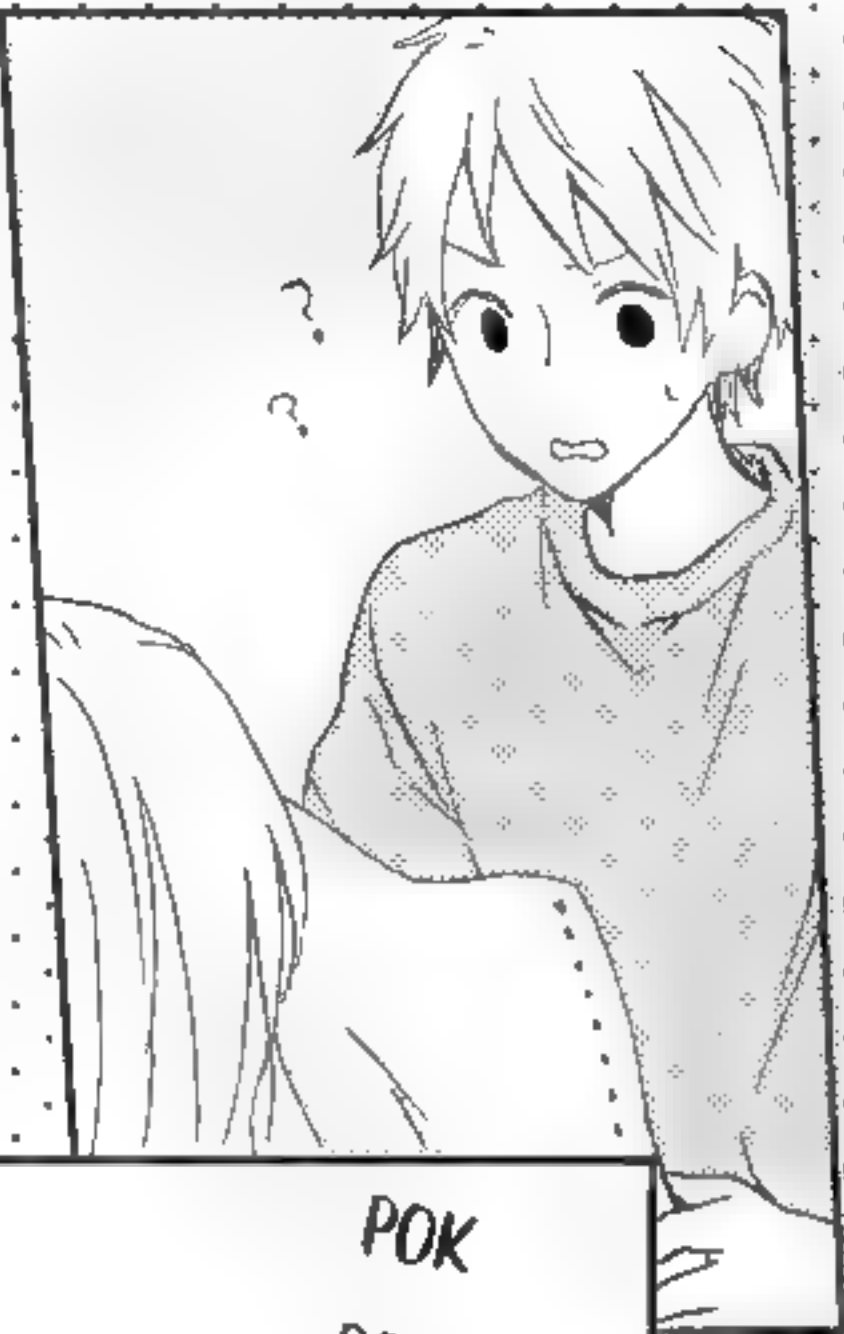






WHY DID YOU EVEN COME HERE?

SIGH



TEACHING IS TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT.

SIGH

SHALL WE CHARGE THEM TUITION?

...

YOU WOULDN'T!

We'd go broke!

HA  
HA  
HA





JUST  
DO  
QUES-  
TION 7.

GYAH!



HUH?

I ONLY  
MEANT  
THE GIRLS  
SHOULD  
GO HOME  
SOON!

AND  
STOP  
USING  
THE  
EDGE!  
It hurts!



Huh.

IT'S  
GETTING  
DARK  
OUT.



WALK HER  
TO THE  
STATION,  
NATCHAN.



WHOA!

TIK

TIK



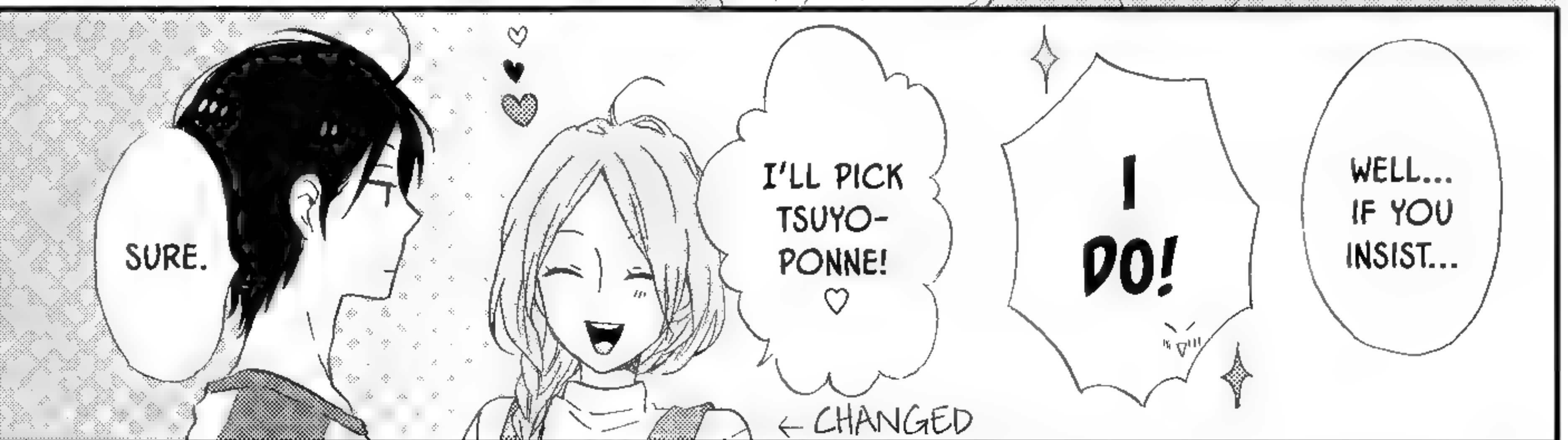
WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU  
GUYS?

SORRY,  
I DIDN'T  
NOTICE!  
YOU CAN  
CALL IT A  
DAY NOW.

HE'S  
RIGHT!  
IT'S  
LATE.

WE'RE  
SLEEPING  
OVER!





















YOU WERE!

YOU WERE.

...I WAS NOT JEALOUS.

YOU STILL GOT JEALOUS WHEN I WAS KIDDING AROUND WITH KEIICHI.

I WASN'T.

I WAS NOT JEALOUS.

NOT EVEN A LITTLE.



TRING

PBLFF.

...



...THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT MAD ANYMORE!

WELL, WHATEVER. IF YOU INVITED ME TODAY...



...

AND YOU'RE HEAD OVER HEELS WITH ME FOR KNOWING THAT!

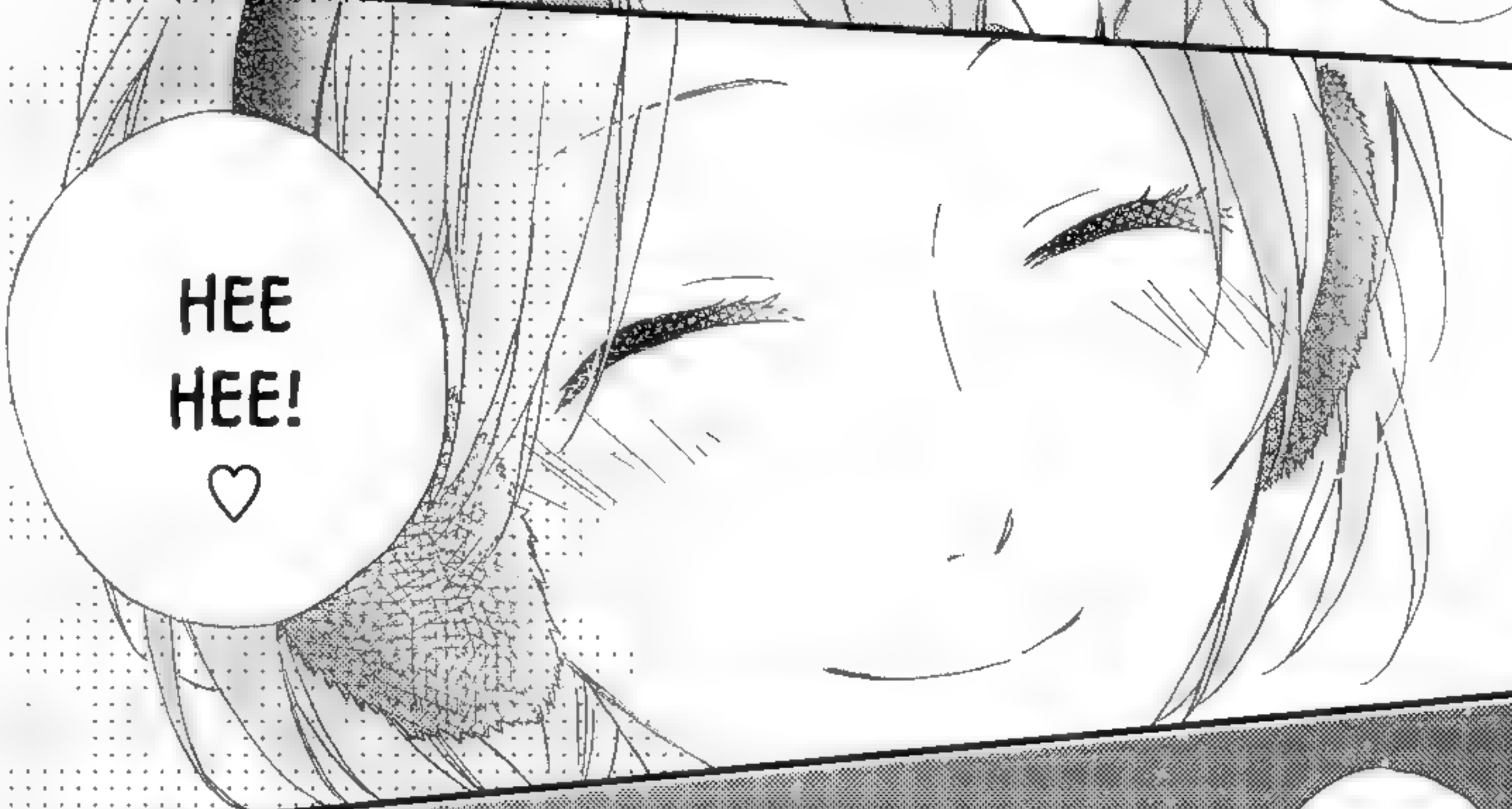


...



...SURE.  
THINK  
WHAT YOU  
LIKE.

HEE  
HEE!  
♡



I'M  
AWARE  
OF IT.

WHAT ABOUT  
MY NOT-  
GOOD-  
WITH-WORDS  
SIDE?

I LIKE  
YOUR  
OBSTINATE  
SIDE.  
♡ ♡





I HAVE TO  
START A  
CONVERSA-  
TION-

B-BMP

TMP

TMP

B-BMP

HASHIBA.

WE'VE NEVER  
EVEN WALKED  
HOME FROM  
SCHOOL  
TOGETHER,  
BUT NOW  
SHE'S RIGHT  
BESIDE ME!

W-WHAT  
DO I  
DO?!



V  
M  
M  
M

CAN WE STOP  
AT THAT  
CONVENIENCE  
STORE?

**YES?!**

**S-SURE!  
I'LL WAIT  
HERE!**





OH  
MAN...

THERE  
HAS TO  
BE SOME-  
THING WE  
CAN TALK  
ABOUT.

I CAN'T  
THINK OF  
ANYTHING  
TO SAY!  
  
WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH ME?



IT'S  
COLD OUT,  
AND THE  
STATION'S  
A WAY OFF  
YET.

HAVE  
SOME  
HOT TEA.

TH-  
THANK-

HUH?

HUH  
?!

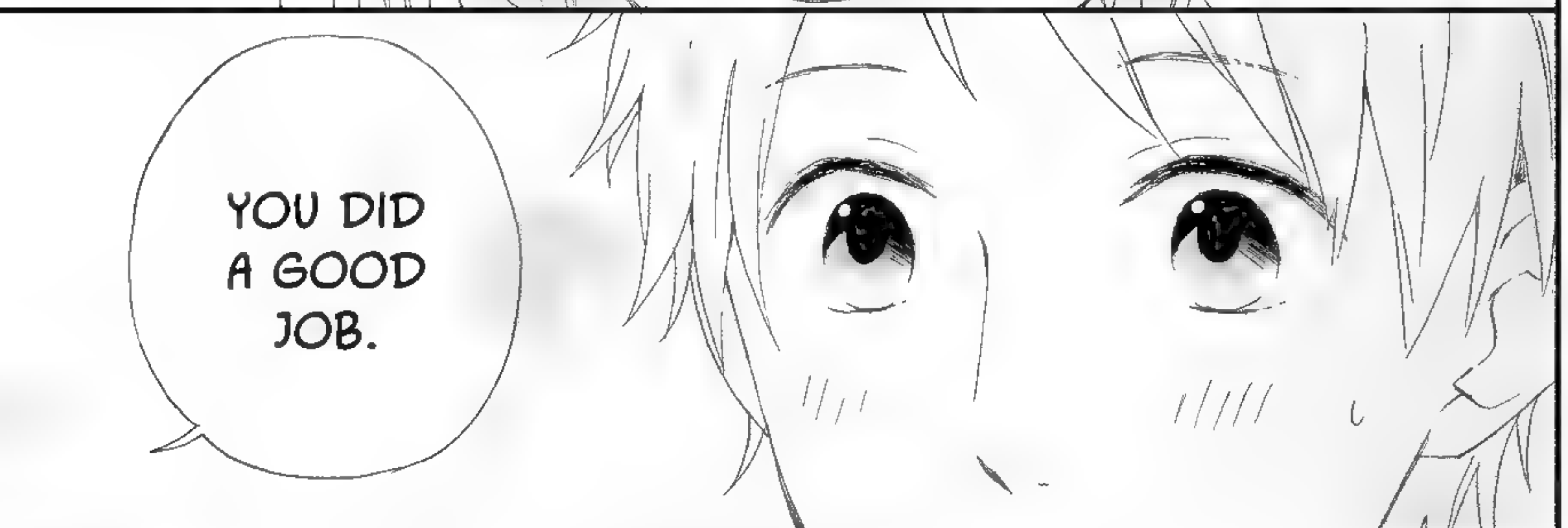
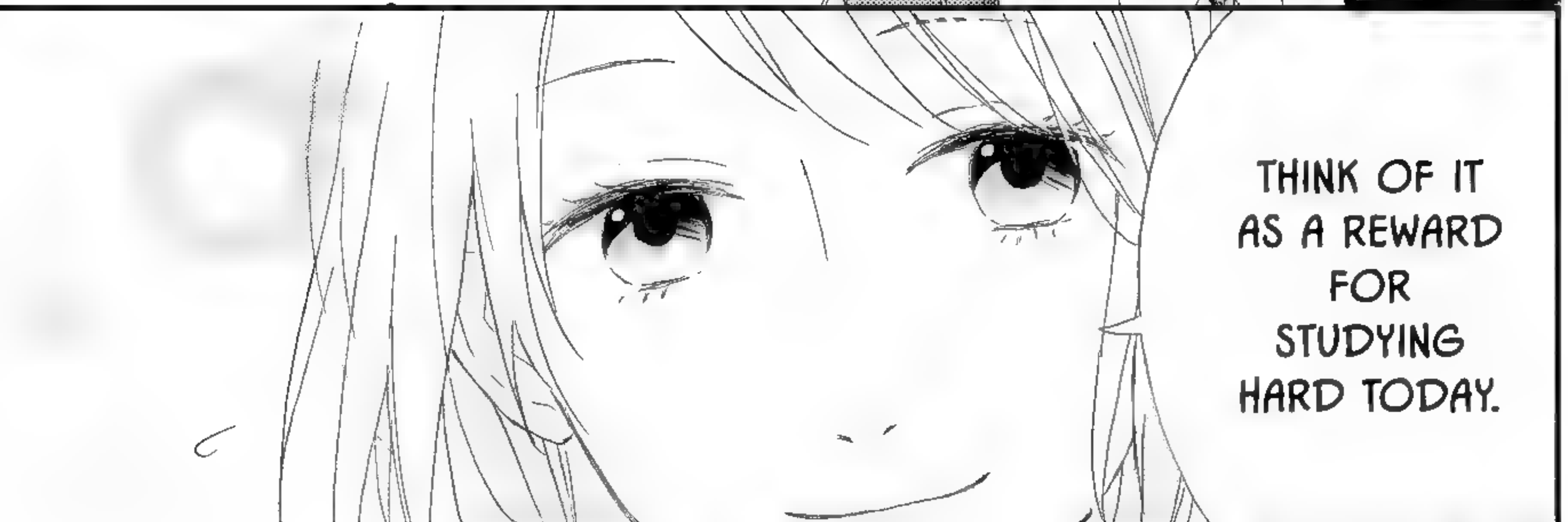


HERE.

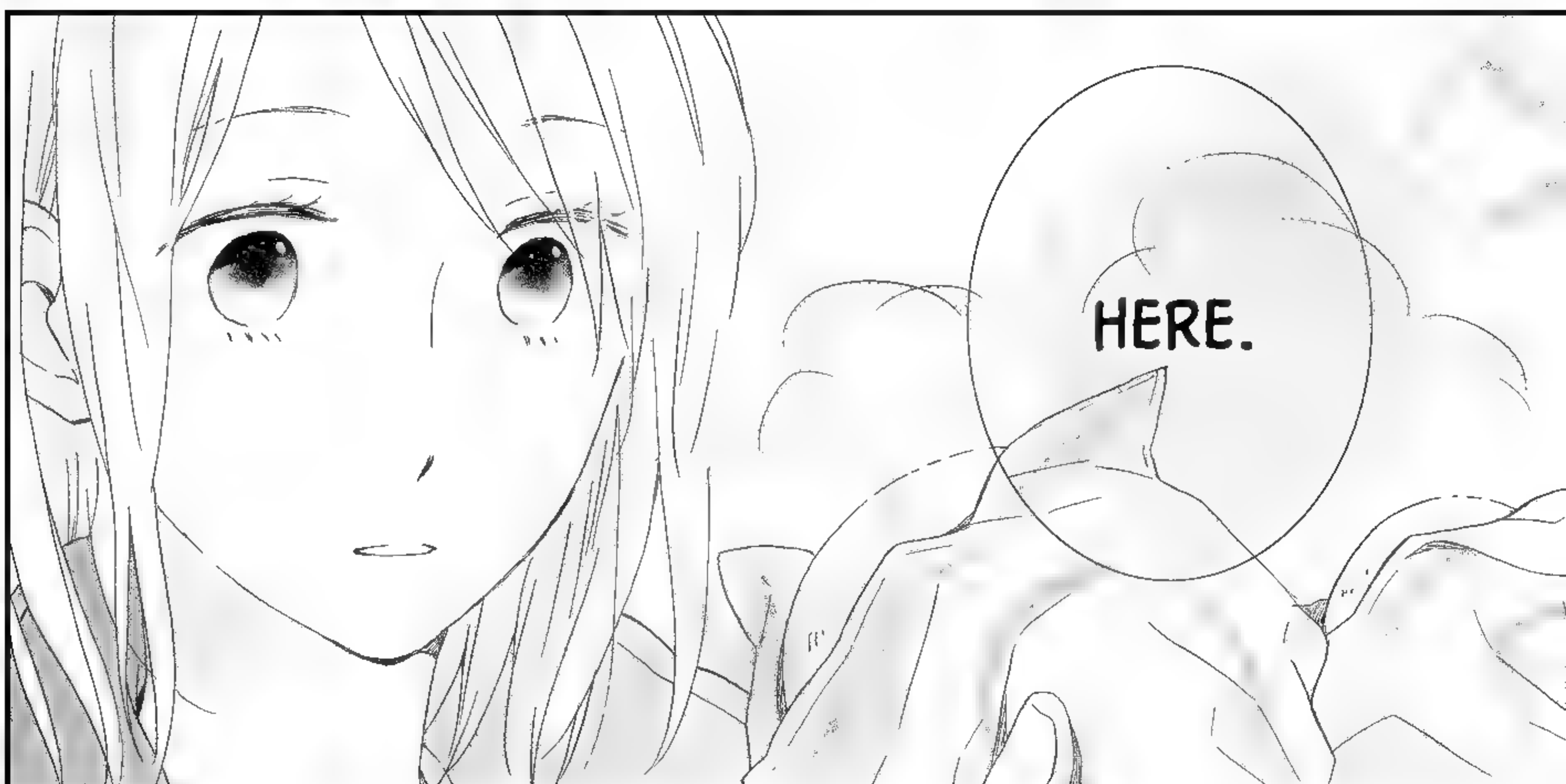
?















...IT DOES MAKE  
YOU WANT TO  
EAT STEAMED  
BUNS OUTSIDE,  
RIGHT?

And we have hot  
tea already!

I HATE  
THE COLD,  
BUT...

SURE  
THING!

BEAN  
PASTE.  
The  
sweet  
one

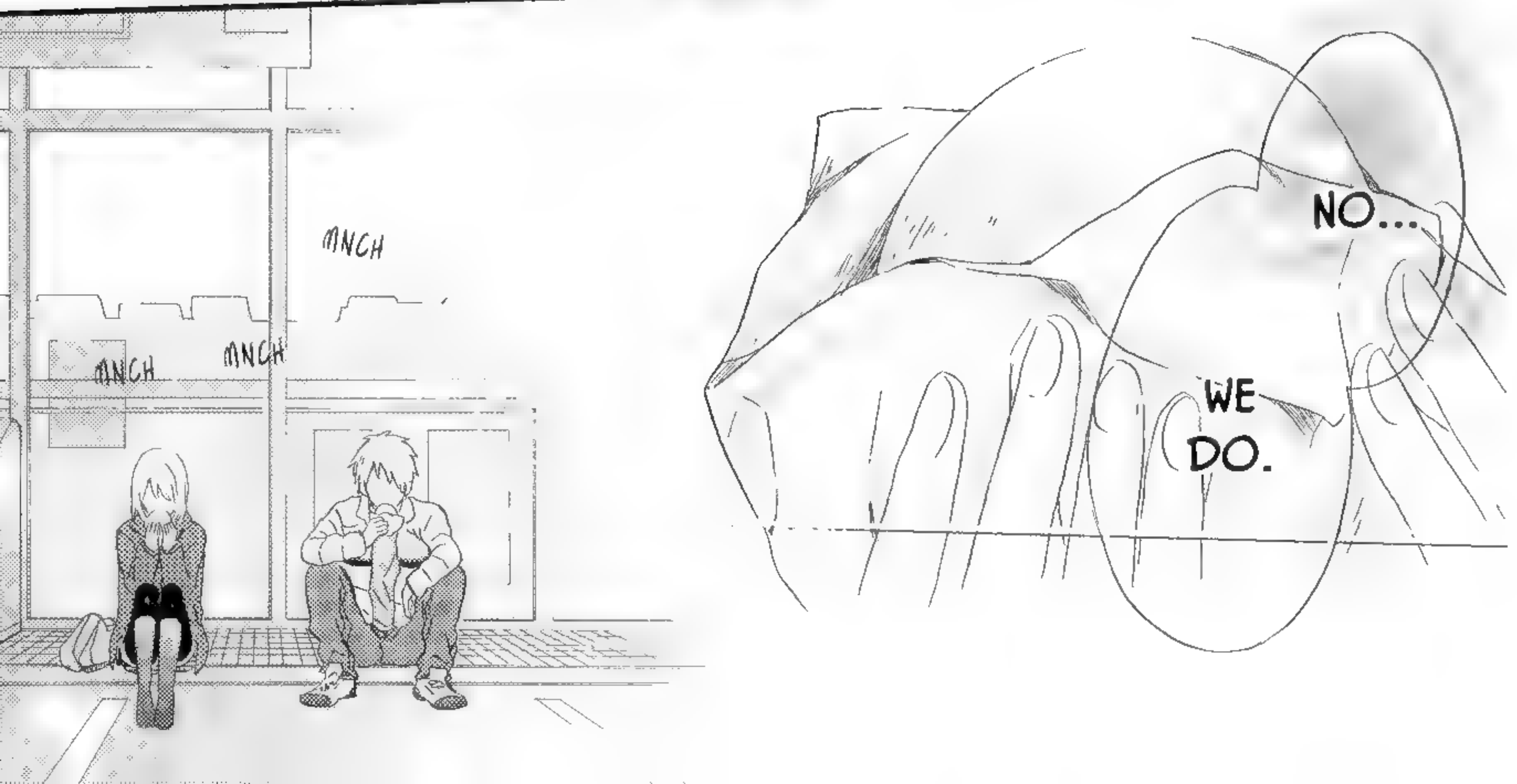
WE GET THEM  
ALL THE TIME  
ON THE WAY  
HOME FROM  
SCHOOL!



...

OH! BUT MAYBE  
GIRLS DON'T  
FEEL THAT  
URGE?

Especially so  
late at night!



MUNCH

MUNCH

MUNCH

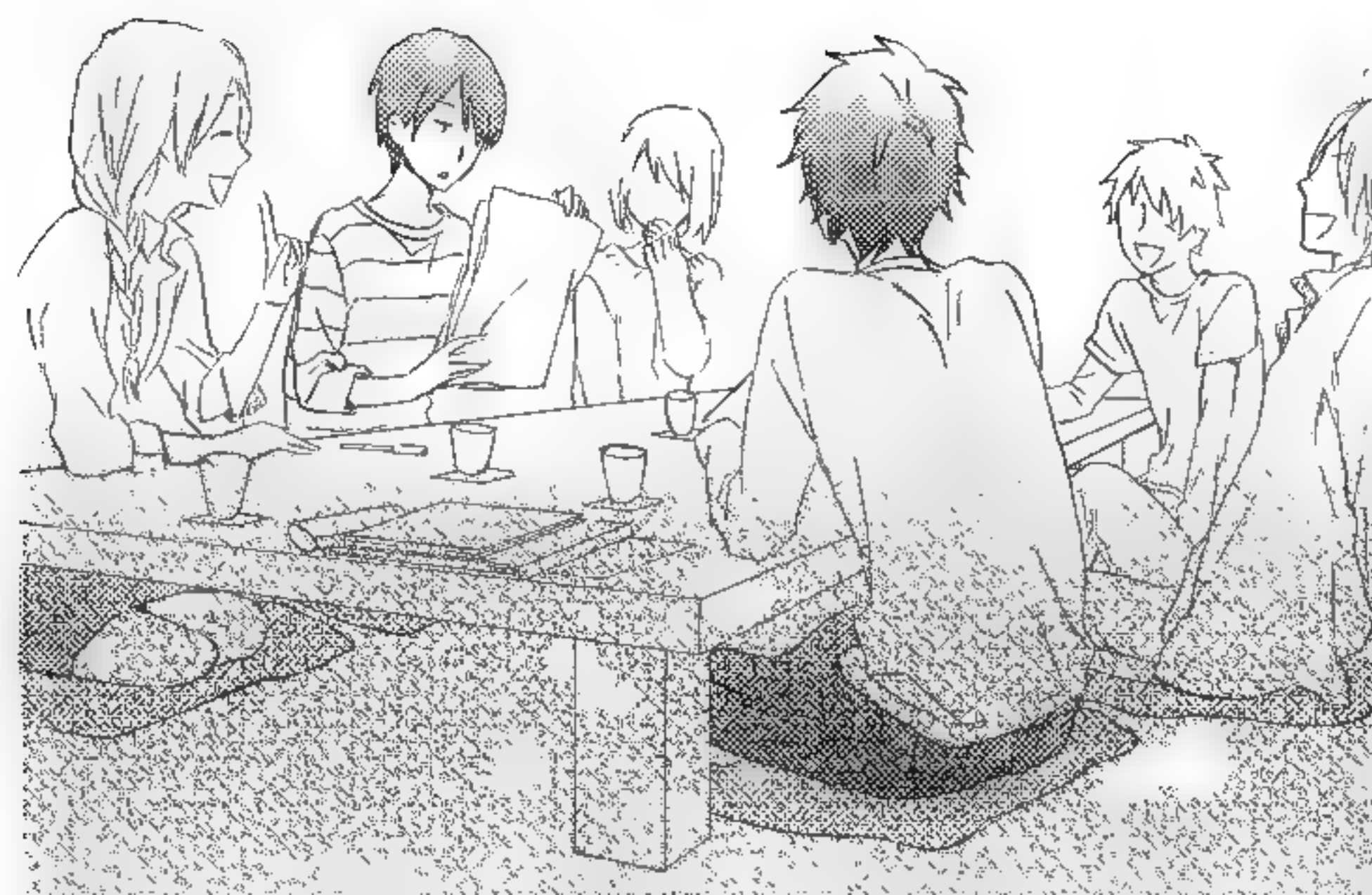
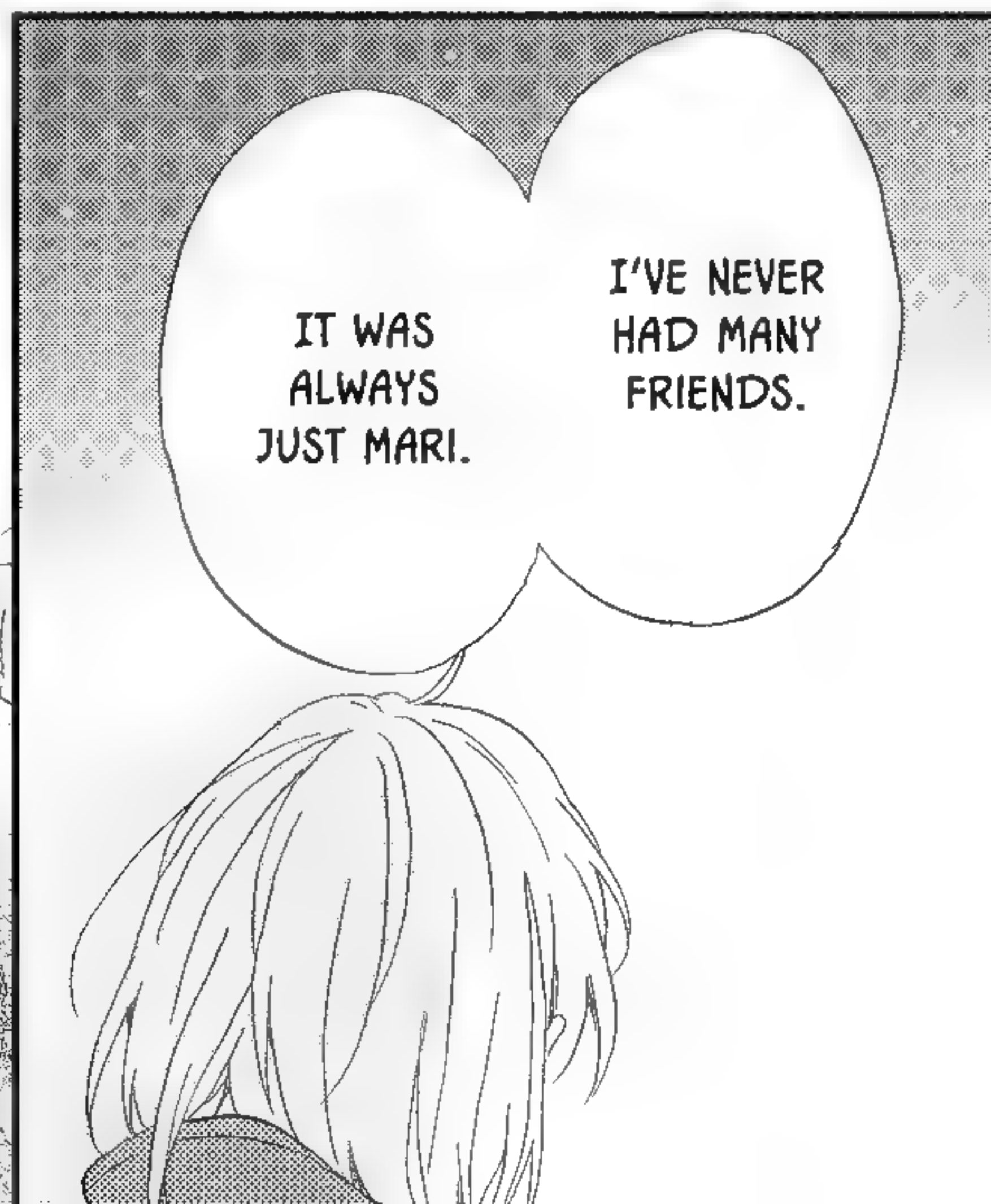
NO...

WE  
DO.





THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D EVER HUNG OUT WITH A BIG GROUP LIKE THAT.







...I HAD  
A LOT  
OF FUN.

WE WERE  
MEANT TO BE  
STUDYING  
SERIOUSLY...

...BUT  
ACTUALLY...

THANK  
YOU.

...



YOU WERE  
A HUGE  
HELP!

NO,  
THANK  
YOU!

NO...

ALSO,  
I...

UH...





...TO BE  
ALONE  
TOGETHER.

I'M GLAD  
WE GOT  
SOME  
TIME...

I  
MEAN...



...YOU  
KNOW...

...UH...

...

F  
S  
O  
O  
S  
H



YOU'RE  
RIGHT. IT  
HAPPENS  
A LOT!

I'M SICK  
OF IT!

NO!

HASHIBA...

YOUR FACE  
GOES RED  
A LOT.

Do you have a  
cold again?





HA  
HA

YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
BE.

IT'S  
ANOTHER  
REASON...

...YOU'RE  
SO  
FUNNY.

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
BLUSH...

UH-  
OH...

...EVERY  
TIME SHE  
SMILES...

BUT  
FOR SOME  
REASON...

NO... IN  
A WAY,  
I'VE STILL  
GOT IT.

DID YOU  
GET OVER  
THAT  
COLD?

...BECAUSE  
I KNOW  
IT MAKES  
ME LOOK  
GOOFIER.

...ANY  
MORE  
THAN I  
ALREADY  
AM...

?



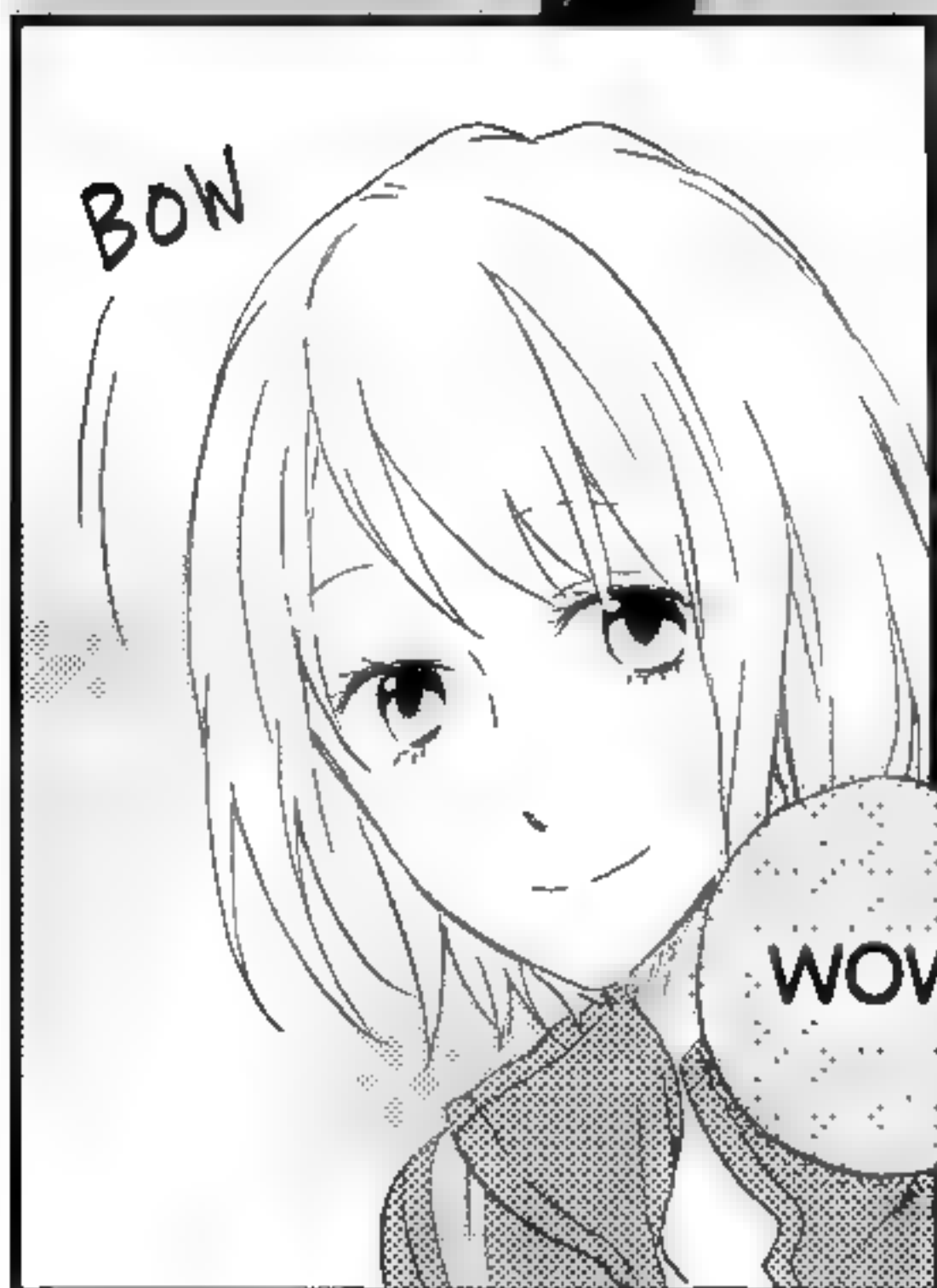


THANKS  
FOR  
WALKING  
ME HERE.

TAKE  
CARE,  
THEN.

SEE YOU  
TOMORROW.

...MY FACE  
GETS REDDER  
AND REDDER.

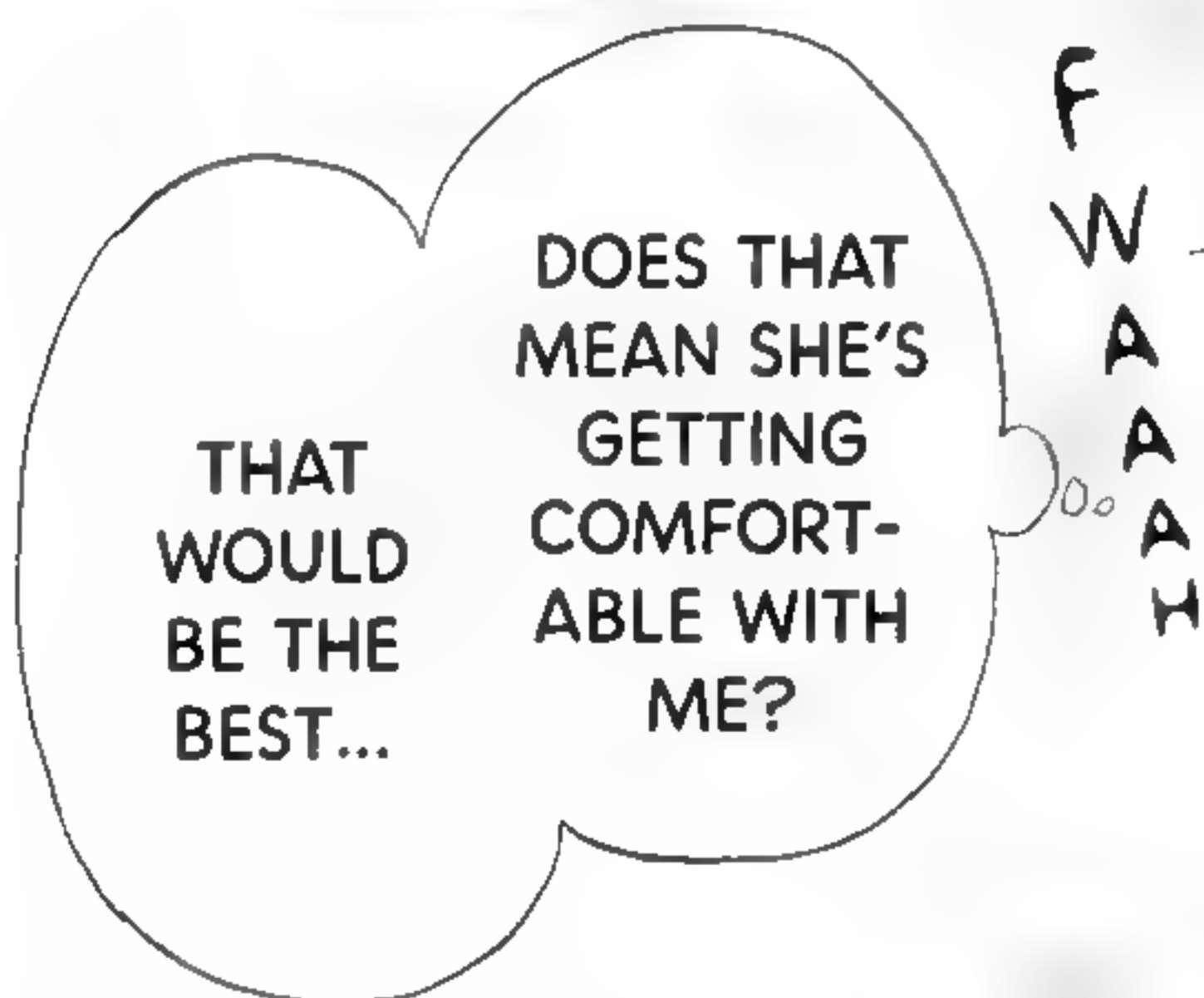


BOW

WOW!



SURE!

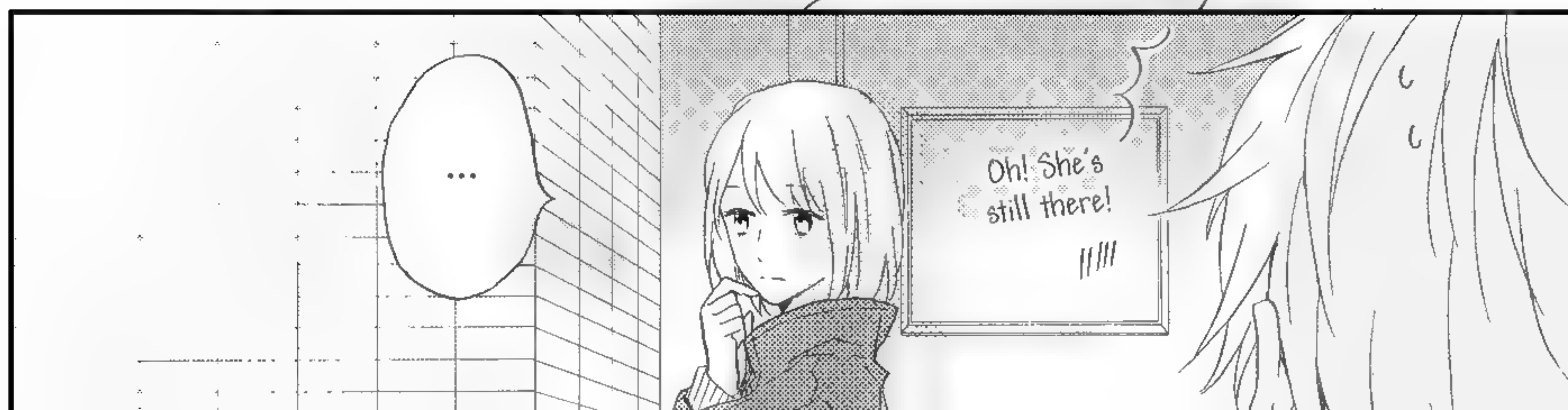


FWAAAH

THAT  
WOULD  
BE THE  
BEST...

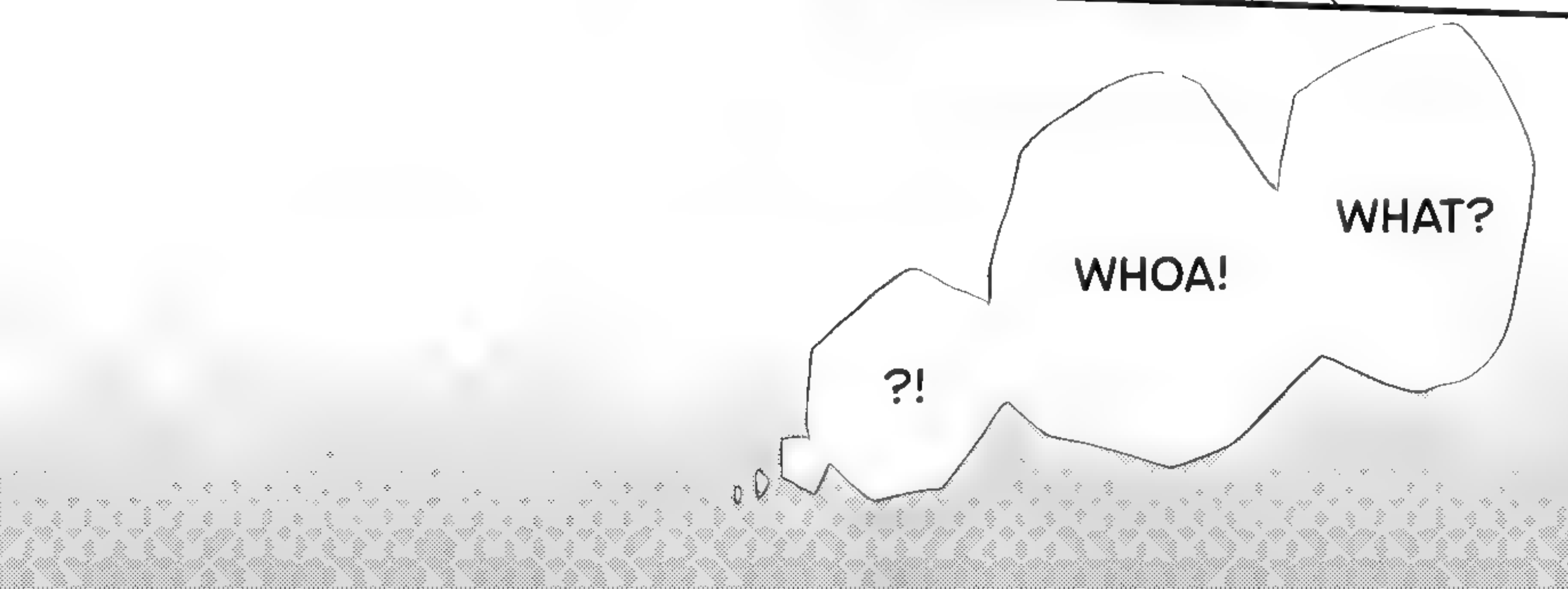
DOES THAT  
MEAN SHE'S  
GETTING  
COMFORT-  
ABLE WITH  
ME?

SHE  
SMILED  
AGAIN.



Oh! She's  
still there!







WHAT  
EXACTLY...

...DID  
THAT  
MEAN?!



HMM...

DO I  
HAVE A  
COLD  
TOO?

I FEEL  
HOT...

?

YOU  
TOOK  
YOUR  
TIME.

REEL



...BUT I  
STARTED  
AGAIN IN THE  
MORNING  
AND KEPT  
AT IT...

...UNTIL  
EXAM  
TIME.

FINAL  
EXAMS  
MAKEUP  
TEST  
CLASSES  
KID CA

AND  
SO...

STAFF

DID  
YOU  
KISS  
HER?

ANY  
GOOD  
NEWS?

NO, I  
DIDN'T,  
BUT...

And I  
wouldn't,  
but.

?

B  
O  
M  
B

I'M SO  
HAPPY, I'M  
GOING TO  
SLEEP!

HUH?!

WHY?  
WHY?!

What  
happened?!

GIVE  
US THE  
DETAILS  
FIRST!

GUYS.  
STUDY.

THERE WAS  
NO WAY  
I COULD  
HAVE  
STUDIED  
THAT  
NIGHT...





OH,  
THAT!

HUH?  
REPEAT  
THE YEAR?



Déjà  
vu.

I THOUGHT IT  
MIGHT MOTIVATE  
YOU TO BUCKLE  
DOWN A LITTLE.

NICE  
WORK,  
GUYS.



...AT LEAST  
NOW WE  
CAN ENJOY  
SPRING  
BREAK.

NOW KEEP  
THIS UP FOR  
THE NEXT  
TWO YEARS.

I  
CAN'T!

YUJI!

MR.  
KATAKURA  
!!!

WELL,  
ANYWAY...

TO BE CONTINUED



# RAINBOW DAYS

I drew this for a postcard included in *The Margaret*.  
It's a flirty Natchan.  
My editor liked it, which made me happy.  
I actually love using flowers as a background for boys,  
so I hope to draw something like this again! 【●´ヱ`●】





## CONGRATULATIONS ♡ RAINBOW DAYS ① ♡ ♡

Mizuno-san, congratulations on your first serialized manga!  
Yaaay! ✨

At the Rainbow Days workplace, Sensei and all the assistants are sooo friendly. We passionately discuss manga and work ourselves up over love gossip and ota-talk (laugh)...

It's like being inside a manga, so work is always fun! ♪

I drew Mattsun and Mari.

I love these two!



• Hello! I'm sanarin, a digital assistant. I've been an ass tant for Mizuno-san since *My Boys*. (I was analog then.)  
• I didn't want to waste this space, but I wasn't sure what would be good to write. But then I thought, I bet everyone wants to know more about Mizuno-san! So here's an introduction to some Mizuno-san dialect!  
• ♪ (・▽・) ♪ ← (She uses this all the time.)  
• Mizuno-san uses lots of unique words in conversation and email. One that often comes up in her replies is "Yes ♪ (・▽・) ♪". Also, she uses "o" and "gozaru" at the end of sentences. "Gozaru" would sound weird if a normal person said it, but when Mizuno-san does, it has an oddly stylish ring. The other day she used "Hyuooooo," which was a real shock! Talk about advanced vocabulary! What's the right context for that?!  
• Anyway, here's a rough sketch of Tsuyoponne and Yukirin. Sorry, Mizuno fans. Please just pass over it in kindness. Hyuooooo.

—sanarin



I love all the Rainbow Days characters! ♡



## MY ASSISTANTS DREW THESE FOR ME

PAGE ♡

Top left: Nanami-chan Koyama

Top right: sanarin

Bottom left: nao-san

Thank you! ✨

That thing about my weird vocabulary... People tell me that a lot, actually. (laugh)







Us One Year

and Afterward



I'M A  
SECOND-  
YEAR AT  
NAKATANI  
GIRLS HIGH  
SCHOOL.

UM...  
I'M  
AKANE  
SHINO-  
HARA.

WE  
WERE  
BOTH  
AT...

...A  
KARAOKE  
MIXER.

OKAY!  
LAST  
GIRL!

THE WAY  
WE MET  
WAS SUPER  
STRAIGHT-  
FORWARD.

IT WAS  
HERE IN  
SAPPORO,  
WHEN THE  
SNOW  
HAD JUST  
BEGUN TO  
FALL...

GLARE

NICE!  
OKAY,  
WHO  
WANTS TO  
SING?

ME!  
ME!





YAY

HOW MANY  
TIMES DO  
I HAVE TO  
TELL THEM  
I'M NOT  
INTO  
MIXERS?!

NO WONDER  
THEY CHANGED  
INTO NAVY KNEE  
SOCKS IN THE  
BATHROOM!  
AND THEY  
SHORTENED  
THEIR SKIRTS!

I THOUGHT  
WE WERE  
GETTING  
OUR OWN  
KARAOKE  
ROOM LIKE  
USUAL!

Even  
though  
we're  
supposed  
to wear  
black  
tights!

MNCH

THEY  
TRICKED  
ME!

C'MON,  
TRY TO  
ENJOY  
IT!



NOTICE

Give me  
some  
space  
here!

HEY.

I DO WANT  
A BOY-  
FRIEND,  
BUT...

OH...  
UH...

MORITA.

MORITA,  
RIGHT!



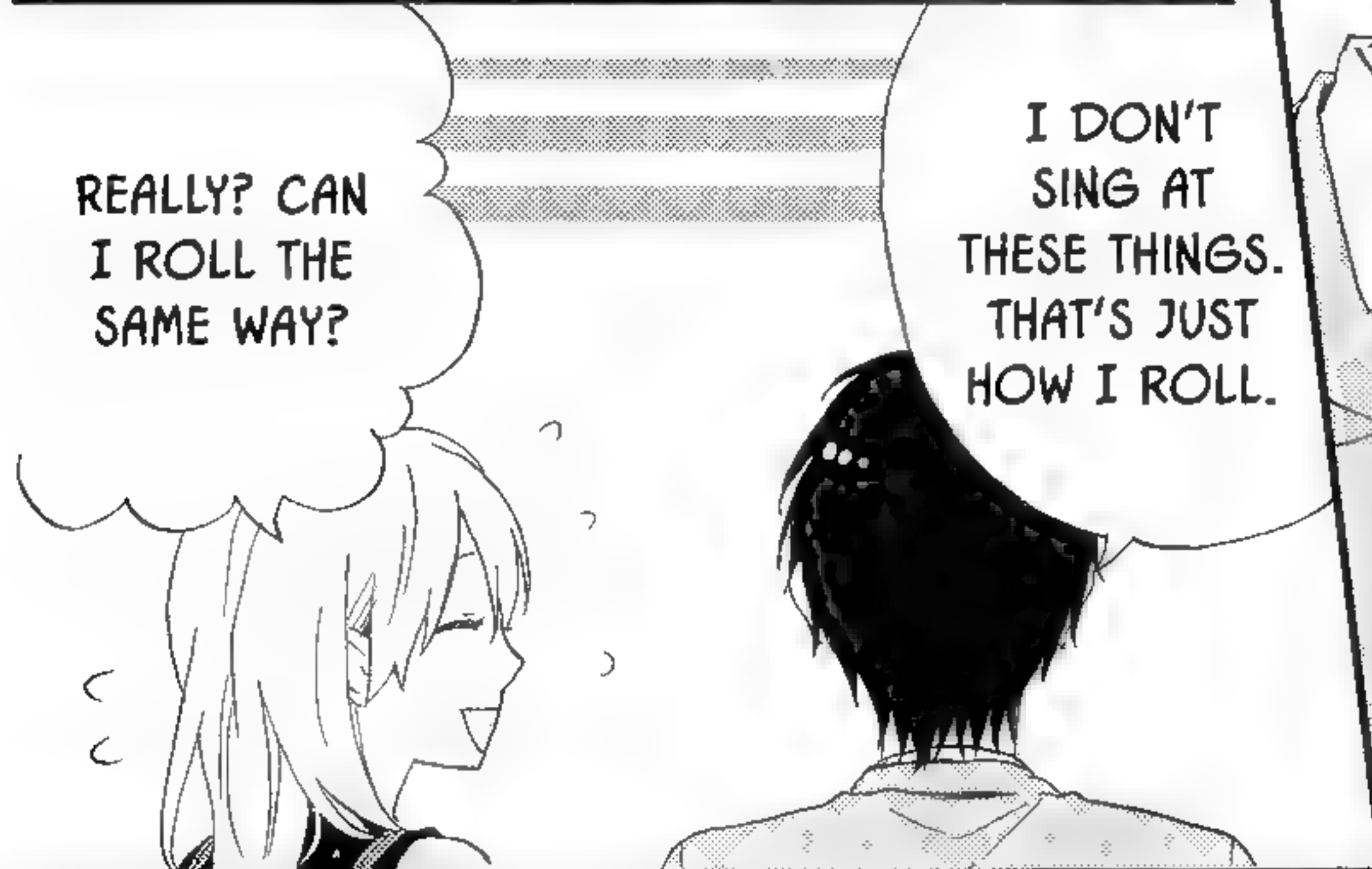


That's nothing like him!

NAH, I'M GOOD.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? DON'T HOLD BACK ON MY ACCOUNT!

Please, sing something!



REALLY? CAN I ROLL THE SAME WAY?

I DON'T SING AT THESE THINGS. THAT'S JUST HOW I ROLL.



AREN'T YOU GOING TO SING?

HUH? OH, UH...

I'M A TERRIBLE SINGER.



Whoops!

I'VE ALREADY PUT THEM IN.

You have to sing now.

I TOLD YOU. I'M NOT GOING TO SING.



NOPE. YOU SING. I'LL QUEUE UP SOME YUI FOR YOU.



YOU JERK!

If you don't sound like him, you'll have to eat Russian-roulette takoyaki.

FINE, BUT I'LL REQUEST SOME SOUTHERN ALL-STARS FOR YOU. AND MAKE SURE YOU DO KUWATA'S VOICE.

BEEP

DISRUPTED BEEP



WHAAAT ?!

What's his deal?!

HE'S SO ARROGANT!





BEEP

WHAT'S UP? IS LOVE IN THE AIR ALREADY?

HA HA HA

I GUESS YOU ALREADY EXCHANGED CONTACT INFO?

SOMEONE ADD ME!

I told you, bro. Obnoxious!



What's this?

You're waya, woman!

DO HIS VOICE?! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

MORIKEN AND SHINOHARA ARE FLIRTING!

I thought he was the silent type!

Gimme the remote!

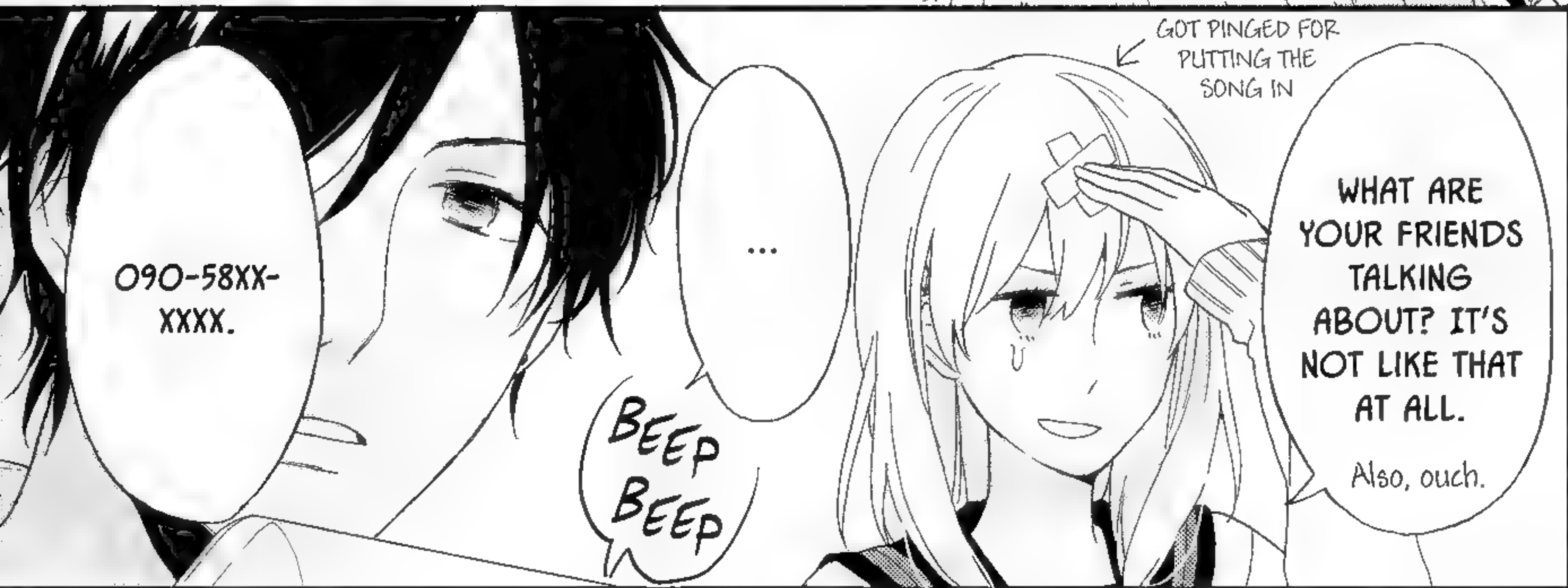
THEN YOU CAN DO THE MARUMO DANCE!

I WON'T!

YARL

YARL

\*Waya Hokkaido dialect for "messed up"



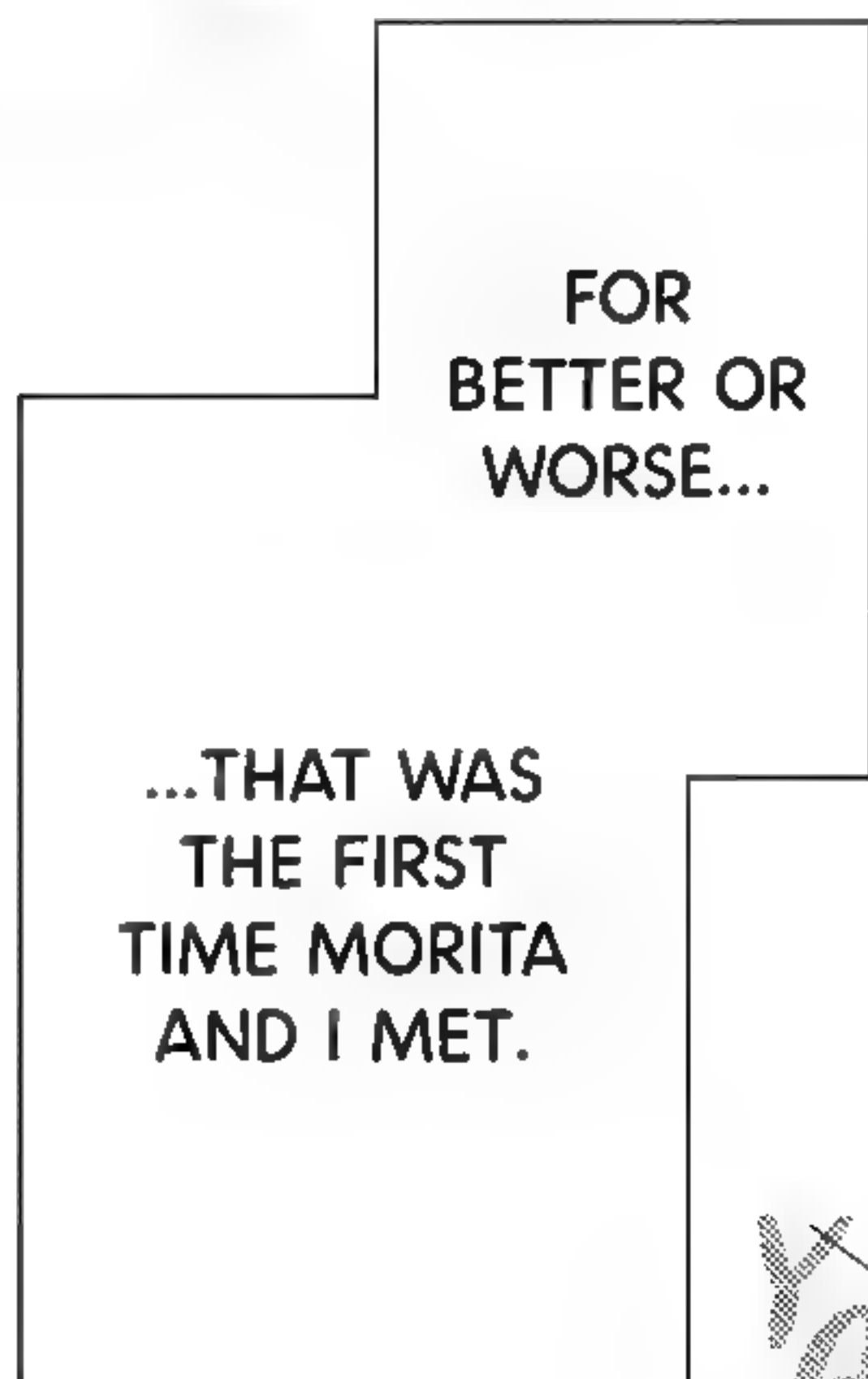
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BEEP BEEP

GOT PINGED FOR PUTTING THE SONG IN

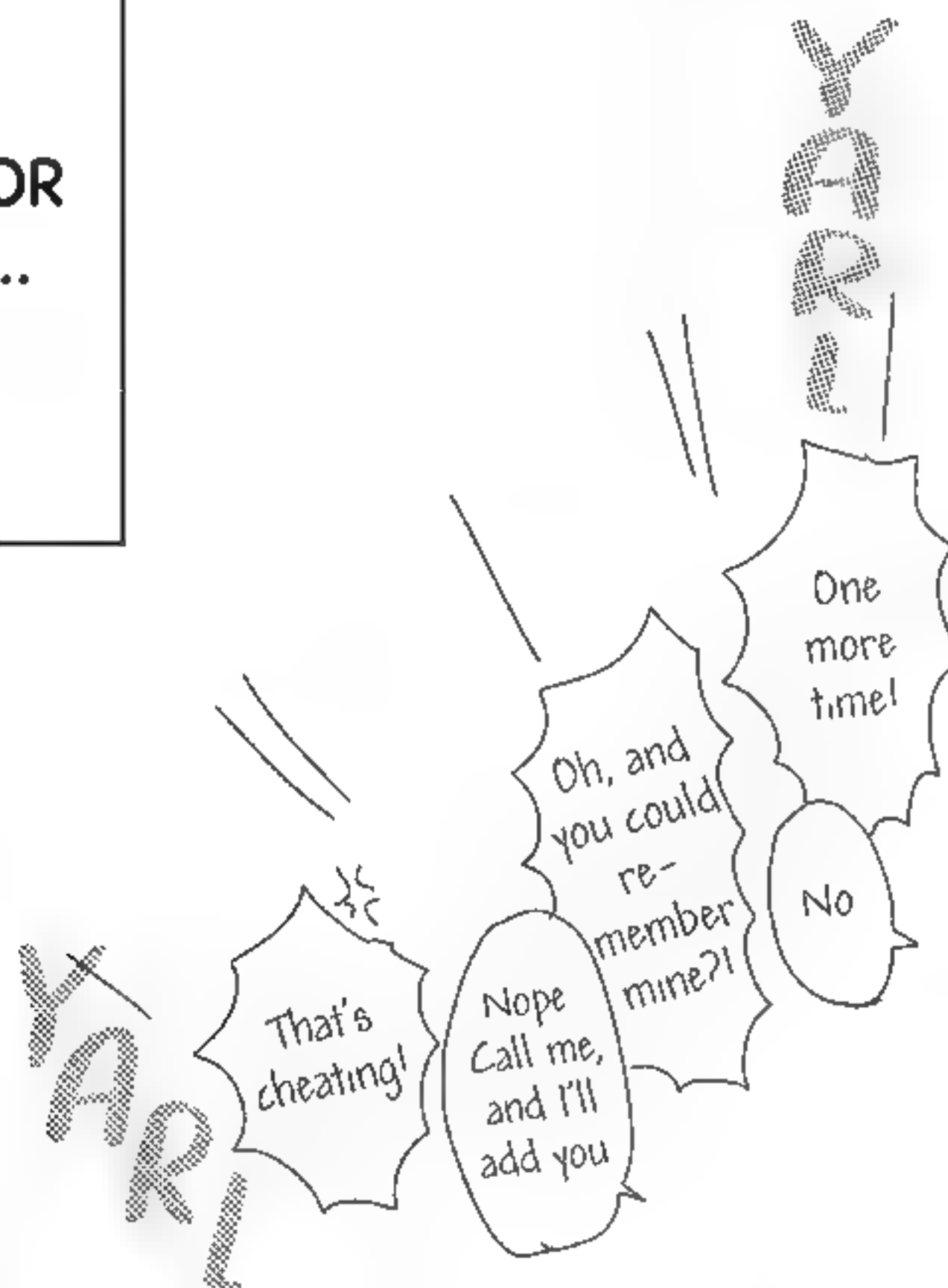
WHAT ARE YOUR FRIENDS TALKING ABOUT? IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL.

Also, ouch.



FOR BETTER OR WORSE...

...THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME MORITA AND I MET.



YARL

One more time!

Oh, and you could re-member mine?!

No

Nope Call me, and I'll add you

That's cheating!

YARL



MEMORIZE IT. 090-58XX-XXXX.

HUH?

HUH?!

Me?!













WHAT?!

SERI-  
OUSLY?  
TO WHO?

WHO?!  
TELL  
ME!  
Do I  
know  
them?!

LIKE...IF I  
GOT OVER  
120, I'D  
CONFESS  
MY LOVE.

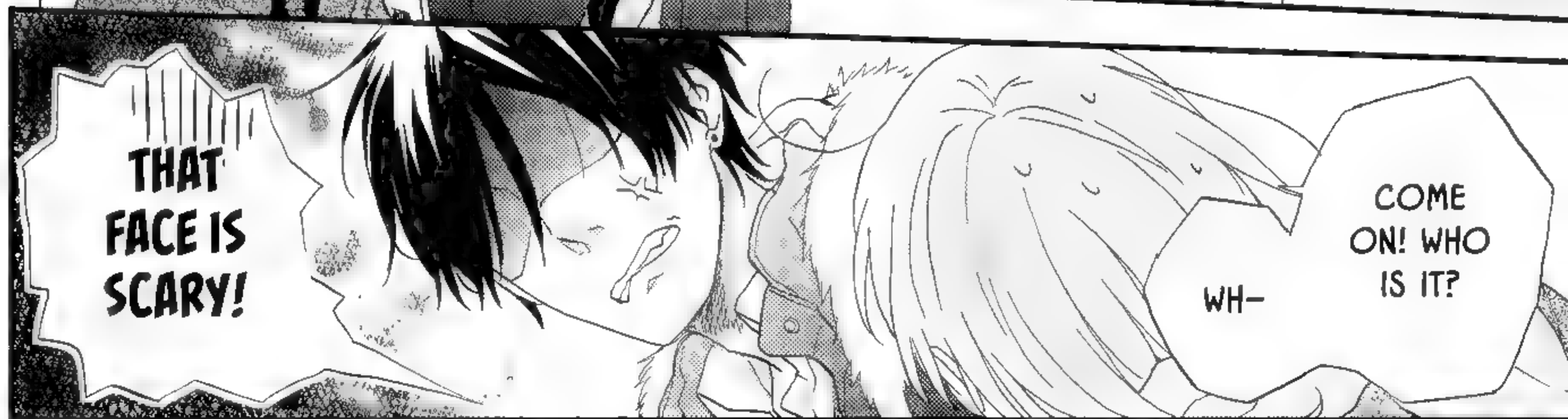
UH...



I'M NOT  
DOING  
ANY PEN-  
ALTIES,  
BUT...

...I DID  
KIND OF  
MAKE A  
DEAL WITH  
MYSELF  
TODAY.

YOU  
DID?  
WHAT  
KIND OF  
DEAL?



THAT  
FACE IS  
SCARY!

WH-

COME  
ON! WHO  
IS IT?



...

...?!

And  
ugly

DENSE.  
NAAAMARA  
DENSE.

SIGH

?

VEEN

\*Namara: Hokkaido  
dialect for "very"





I'M ABOUT TO GET REALLY MAD!!!









IT'S  
STRANGE,  
BUT...

Excuse me?!

What are you,  
a wild boar?  
You almost  
knocked me  
down

OUR DAYS  
TOGETHER  
AFTER  
THAT MADE  
ME TRULY  
HAPPY.

I SAW  
A NEW  
WORLD  
TOO!

Hee!♡

...AND  
SEEM  
MORE  
PRECIOUS.

...WHEN  
YOU HAVE  
FEELINGS  
FOR  
SOMEONE,  
THEY START  
TO LOOK  
BETTER...





FORGET

IT.  
Haven't we  
traveled  
enough?

I'll buy  
a new  
swim-  
suit!

LET'S  
GO THIS  
SUMMER!



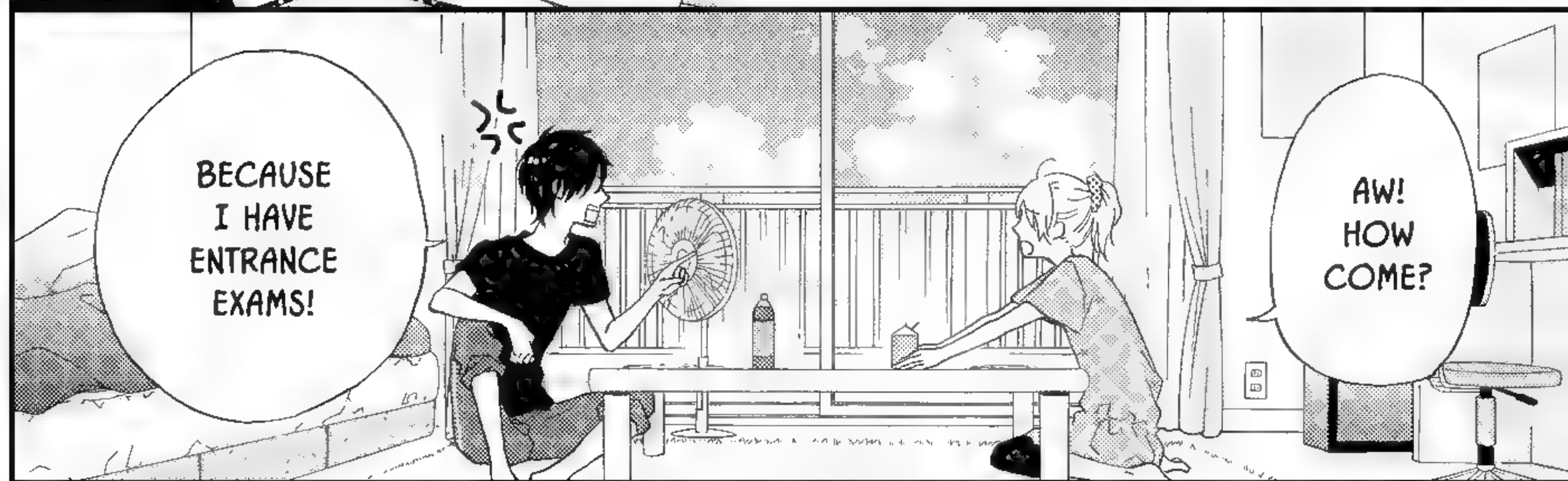
WE  
WENT TO  
HAKODATE...

WE WENT  
SNOW-  
BOARDING  
AT KOKU-  
SAI...

Dh!

IT'S  
ALMOST  
SWIMMING  
SEASON  
AT DREAM  
BEACH!

RUSUTSU  
WAS FUN  
TOO,  
RIGHT?



BECAUSE  
I HAVE  
ENTRANCE  
EXAMS!

AW!  
HOW  
COME?



...

Booooo!

HE  
WAS  
RIGHT.

DON'T  
YOU NEED  
TO STUDY,  
TOO?

YOU'RE  
SITTING  
THE EXAM  
AT  
SAPPORO  
U, RIGHT?

BUT  
IT'S ONE  
MEASLY  
TRIP!

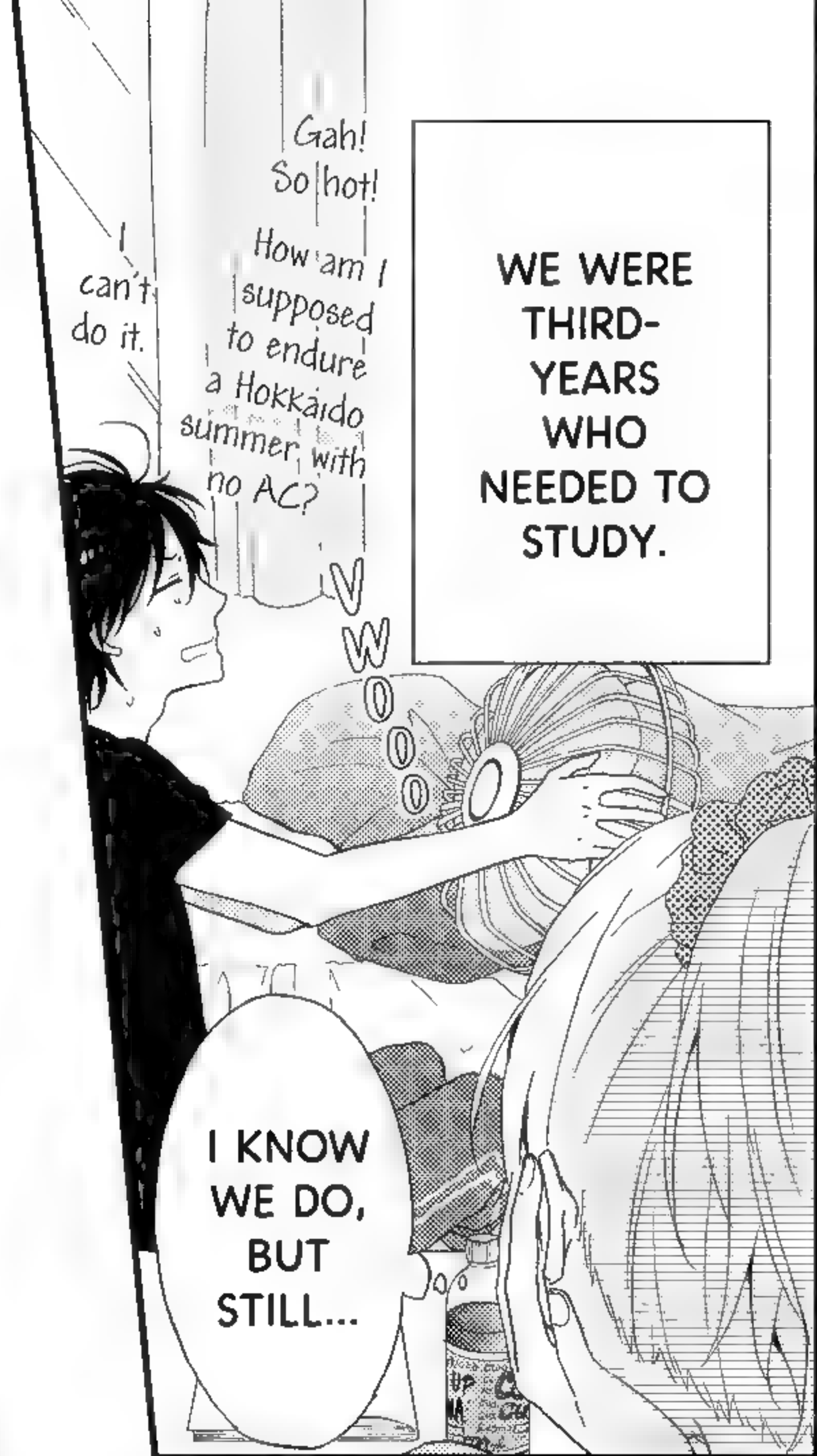
C'moon.







YOU'RE  
MOVING TO  
TOKYO...



WE WERE  
THIRD-  
YEARS  
WHO  
NEEDED TO  
STUDY.

Gah!  
So hot!  
How am I  
supposed  
to endure  
a Hokkaido  
summer with  
no AC?  
I  
can't  
do it.

I KNOW  
WE DO,  
BUT  
STILL...



EXCUSE  
ME, I'M  
IN THE  
DESIGN  
TRACK!

YOU  
AREN'T  
EVEN  
THE ART-  
SCHOOL  
TYPE!

No  
taste.

B  
A  
P

NO  
VIOLENCE.



...AND  
THAT'S WHY  
I'M GOING  
TO CRAM  
SCHOOL.

WELL,  
YEAH.  
THAT'S  
WHERE  
THE ART  
SCHOOL  
IS...

BUT  
THERE  
ARE ART  
DEPART-  
MENTS AND  
COLLEGES  
HERE  
TOO.





WE'LL  
MAKE  
SOME  
MEMORIES  
THERE.

FINE.  
LET'S GO  
TO THE  
BEACH.



Keep  
it  
down!

AAAHH.  
AAAAAH.

SIGH~ SIGH



TOKYO...

MEMORIES?  
THAT'S A  
LONELY WAY  
TO SAY IT...



THOUGHT  
SO.

You think  
we have  
that kind  
of money?!

You  
want  
to  
what  
?!

Forget  
it

I  
know.

GRIPE

GRIPE

GRIPE



I WANT TO  
GO TO  
COLLEGE  
IN TOKYO.

MOM...

...IS SO  
FAR  
AWAY...

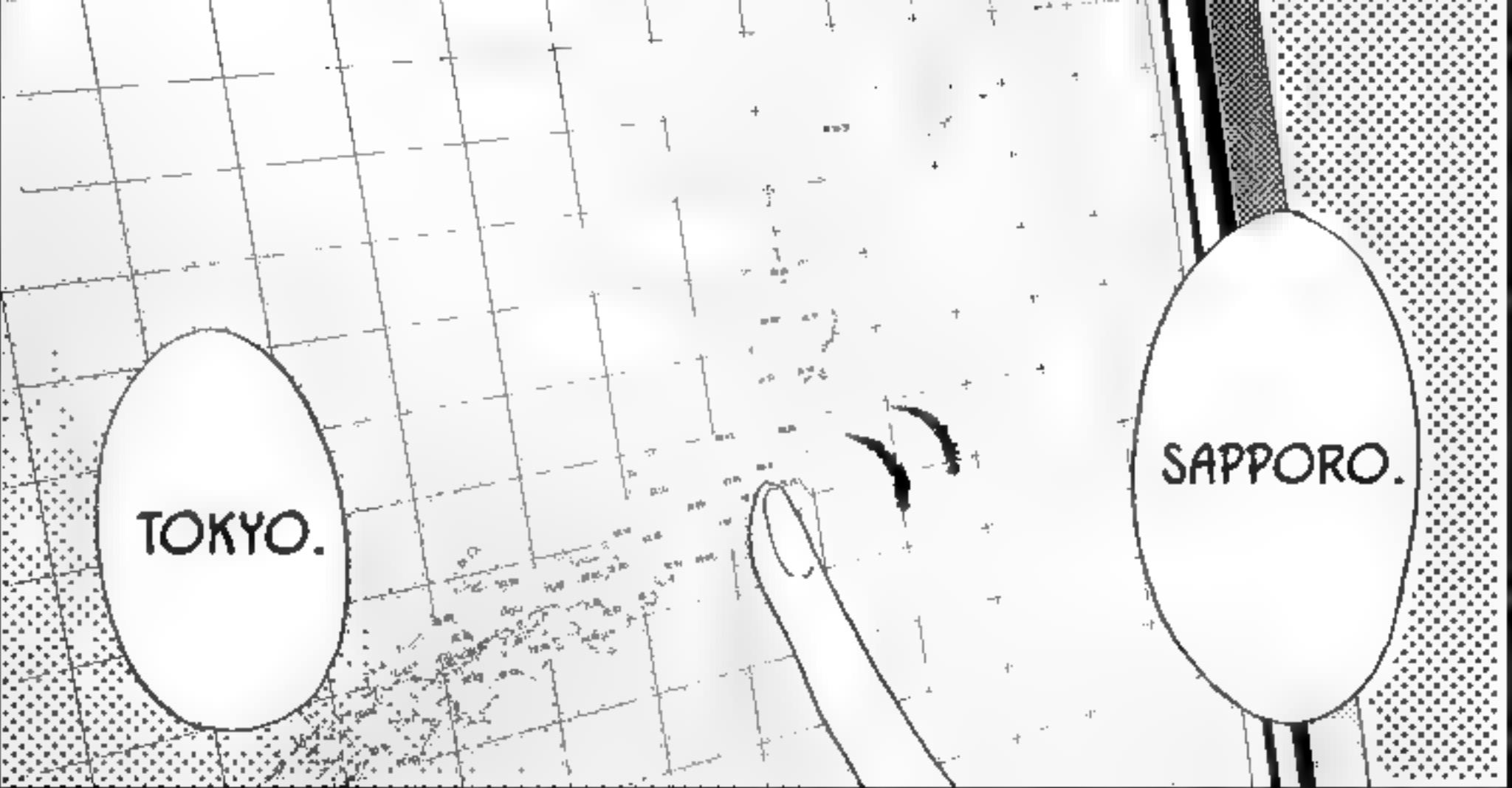




TAP

TAP

WON'T  
KENJI BE  
LONELY?



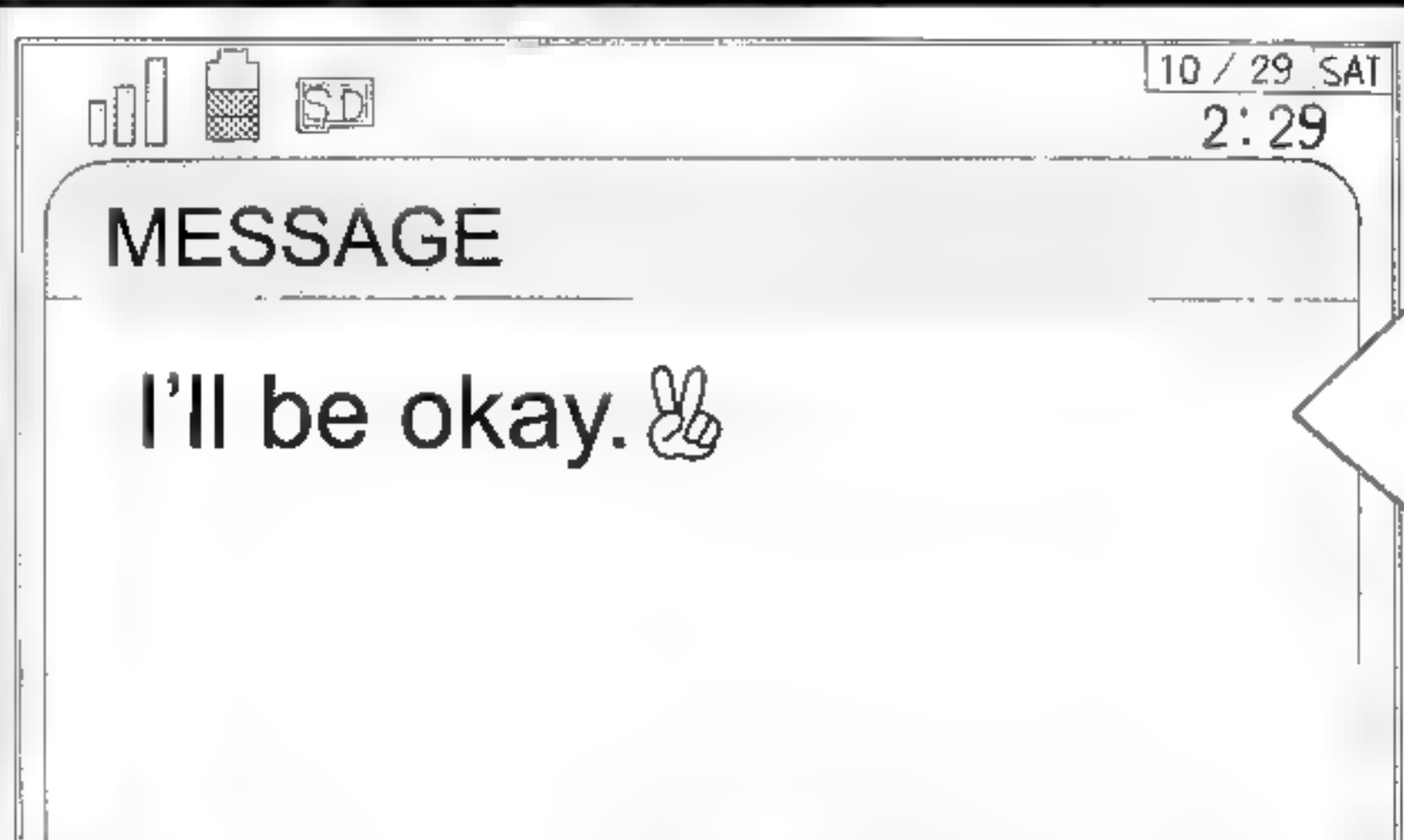
TOKYO.

SAPPORO.

COULDN'T IT  
AT LEAST BE  
CONNECTED BY  
LAND?!

That'd be some  
comfort!

LOOK  
HOW FAR  
IT IS!

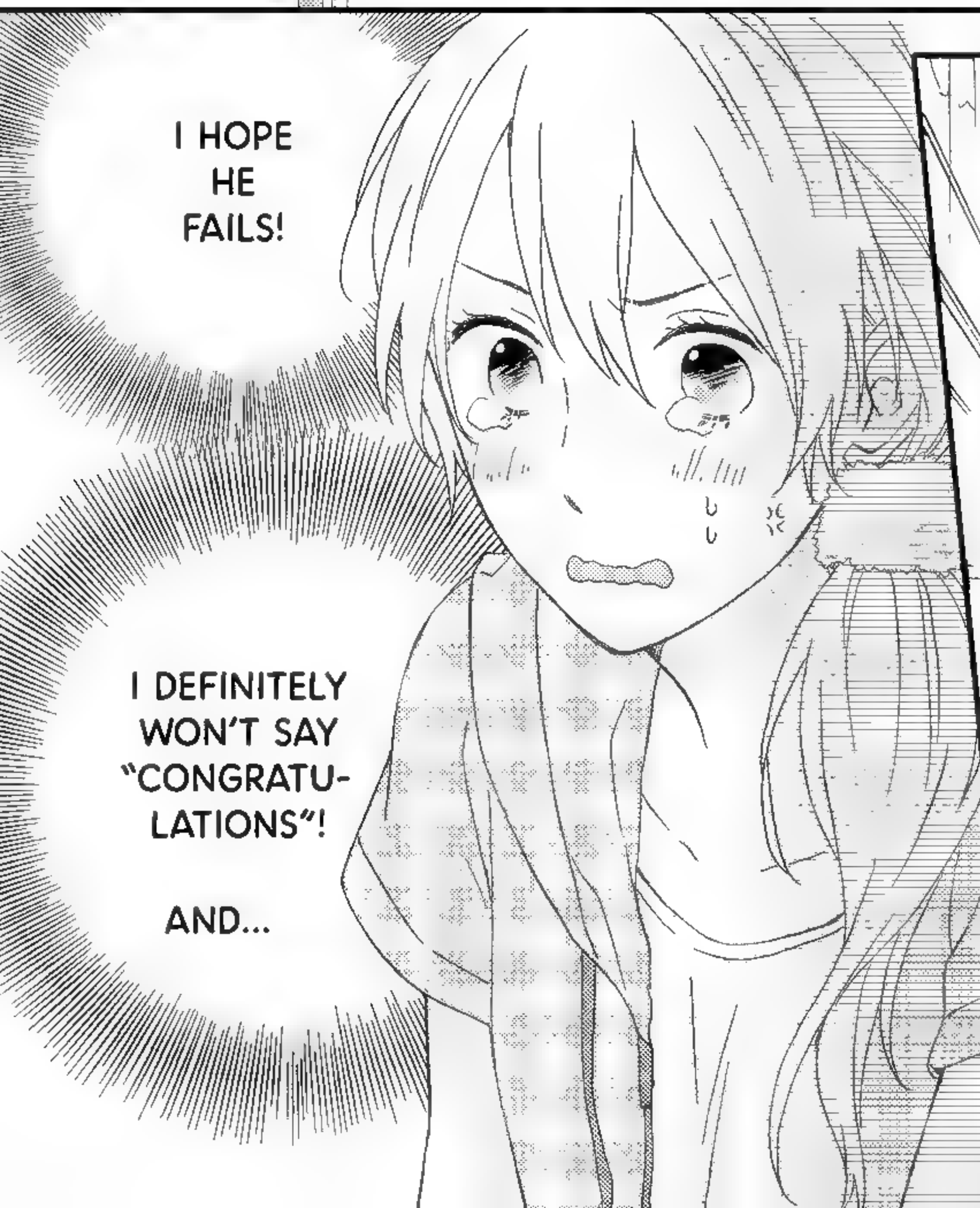


MESSAGE

I'll be okay. ✌️



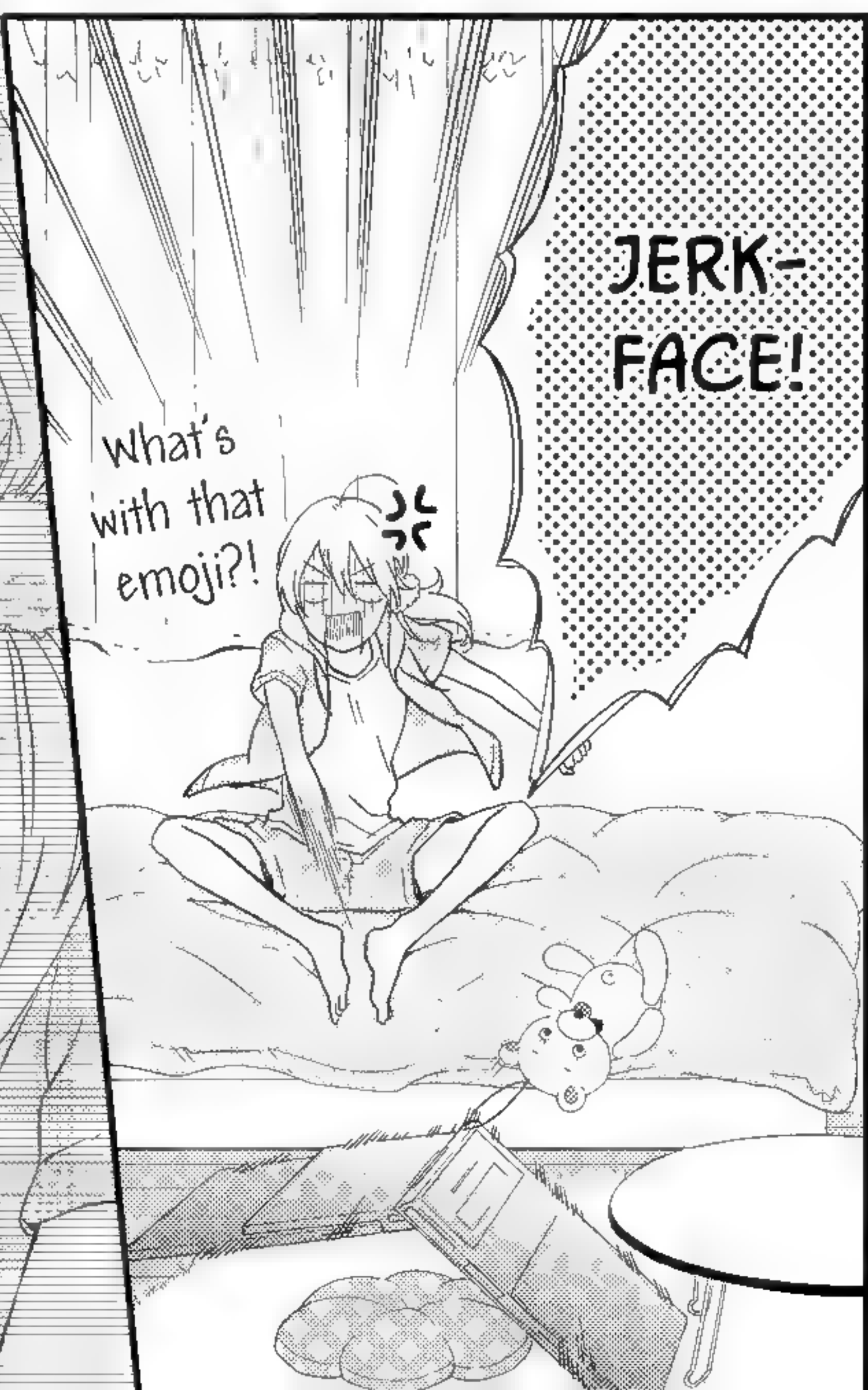
SHE  
ASKED  
HIM.



I HOPE  
HE  
FAILS!

I DEFINITELY  
WON'T SAY  
"CONGRATU-  
LATIONS"!

AND...



JERK-  
FACE!

What's  
with that  
emoji?!





STAY  
HERE  
WITH  
ME!



...!

I  
PASSED.



S...

SAY YOU  
LOVE  
ME...?

...

UM...  
SO...

I HAVE TO  
CONGRATU-  
LATE HIM.  
BUT WAIT...  
WHAT NOW?

HE'S  
REALLY  
GOING!  
TO  
TOKYO!  
OH NO...

SO DID  
YOU,  
RIGHT?  
CON-  
GRATS.

YOU  
DID?  
WHICH  
MEANS...

R-RIGHT...  
THANKS.













A-  
AKANE...  
CALM  
DOWN...

AND STOP  
CALLING  
ME UGLY.  
SO  
MUCH!



IT'S  
LIKE...

AT FIRST,  
I WAS  
HAPPY  
ANYWAY,  
BUT...

...NOW  
WE'LL BE  
LONG-  
DISTANCE,  
AND...

SHOCK



YOU DON'T  
PUT ANY  
EFFORT INTO  
EMAILING OR  
CALLING!

YOU'RE  
ALWAYS  
MEAN TO  
ME!

YOU NEVER  
SAY YOU  
LOVE ME!



I...I  
JUST...

WHY ARE YOU  
ACTING LIKE  
YOU ALWAYS  
DO ON YOUR  
LAST DAY  
HERE?!

YOU'LL BE  
SO FAR  
AWAY, BUT I  
BET YOU'LL  
STILL HARDLY  
EVER CALL!

IT'S ALL  
HAPPENING  
SO FAST THAT  
I CAN'T  
KEEP UP!





**I'M GOING  
TO BE  
LONELY,  
YOU JERK!**



...

**W...**



**WAAAH  
WAAAH  
Jerk!**

...!



HEY!

AKANE!

We're  
on the  
street!

**You  
suck!**

**WAAAH!**





"UGLY"...



I  
CAN'T  
SEE—







SO  
YOU'LL BE  
LONELY  
TOO?

AS FOR  
THE LONG-  
DISTANCE  
THING... I  
TRUST YOU.

...IS MY  
WAY OF  
SHOWING  
AFFECTION,  
I GUESS.



...IF YOU  
CAN'T TELL  
ME YOU  
LIKE ME...

I'LL DEAL,  
SO IN  
EXCHANGE...

...THEN...



I'LL BE  
LONELY!

You're  
really  
going to  
make me  
say it?!  
After I  
kissed  
you?! You  
know what  
I'm like!



BUT I  
LIKE YOU,  
SO...

...I'LL  
DEAL!



I CAN'T  
BELIEVE I  
WAS SO  
BOLD.

...KISS  
ME SOME  
MORE!

...I  
COULDN'T  
DO ANY-  
THING  
ELSE.

...I FELT  
SO  
LONELY...

BUT AT  
THAT  
MOMENT...



That  
would be  
rough



\*Zangi = Fried chicken  
\*Chanchan-yaki = Stir-fried and  
steamed fish and veggies with miso



BUT  
MAYBE  
THAT'S  
EXACTLY  
WHY...

WELCOME  
HOME,  
KENJI!



...WE  
HAVE THE  
RELATIONSHIP  
WE DO NOW.

WHAT'S  
WITH THE  
APRON?

Yikes.

TOGETHER  
AGAIN...

...HERE  
IN THIS  
TOWN...

...WHERE  
SNOW  
FALLS.

ISN'T IT  
CUTE?

Like a  
newlywed!

REMEMBER  
YOUR AGE,  
UGLY.

SHUT IT,  
BALDY.

I AM  
NOT  
BALD-  
ING!

THE END



Rainbow Days Side Story

The Legend of Natsu-Taro



...THERE WAS  
A BOY BORN  
IN SUMMER  
NAMED  
NATSU-TARO.  
HE LIVED  
PEACEFULLY  
AS A PEACH  
FARMER.

ONCE  
UPON A  
TIME...



...AND AFTER  
DRAWING  
STRAWES, THE  
VILLAGERS  
DECIDED NATSU-  
TARO SHOULD  
GO AND STOP  
THEM.

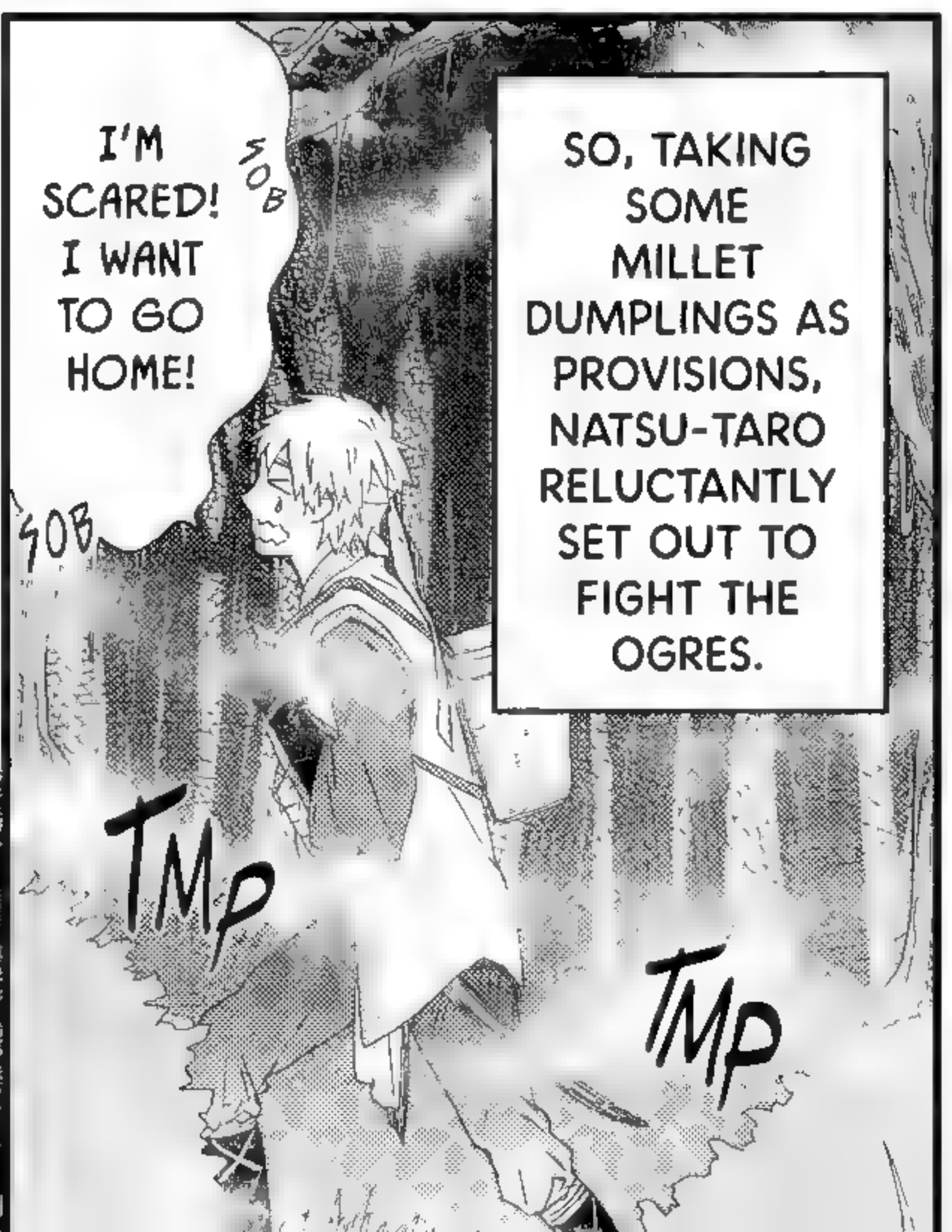
HOWEVER,  
RUMOR HAD  
IT THAT THE  
OGRES WOULD  
SOON INVADE  
HIS VILLAGE...



AS HE WAS  
WALKING  
FEARFULLY  
DOWN A  
MOUNTAIN  
TRAIL...

I'M  
SCARED!  
I WANT  
TO GO  
HOME!

SO, TAKING  
SOME  
MILLET  
DUMPLINGS AS  
PROVISIONS,  
NATSU-TARO  
RELUCTANTLY  
SET OUT TO  
FIGHT THE  
OGRES.







Such  
rude  
dogs.

In that  
case.

YOU  
SHOULD  
GO WITH  
HIM, MAT-  
TSUN.

THEY  
JOINED  
FORCES...

have  
fangs  
too

GUESS  
SO.  
BACK  
SOON!



WHAT  
IS IT,  
MATTSUN  
(DOG)?!

WAH!

...AND  
KEPT  
GOING,  
UNTIL...



THAT'S NOT  
REASSURING.  
CAN YOU  
REALLY  
PROTECT MY  
TERRITORY?

You  
look  
weak.

WAIT,  
YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
GOING TO  
FIGHT THE  
OGRES?

...HE MET  
MATSUNAGA  
THE DOG,  
WHO WAS  
ON A DATE.



DON'T  
TOUCH  
ME, YOU  
FILTHY  
STRAY!

SPLAT

P-TOO



STOP  
GETTING  
SIDE-  
TRACKED!

What are  
you, in rut?!

SWFF

I SMELL  
A  
FEMALE!

SWFF

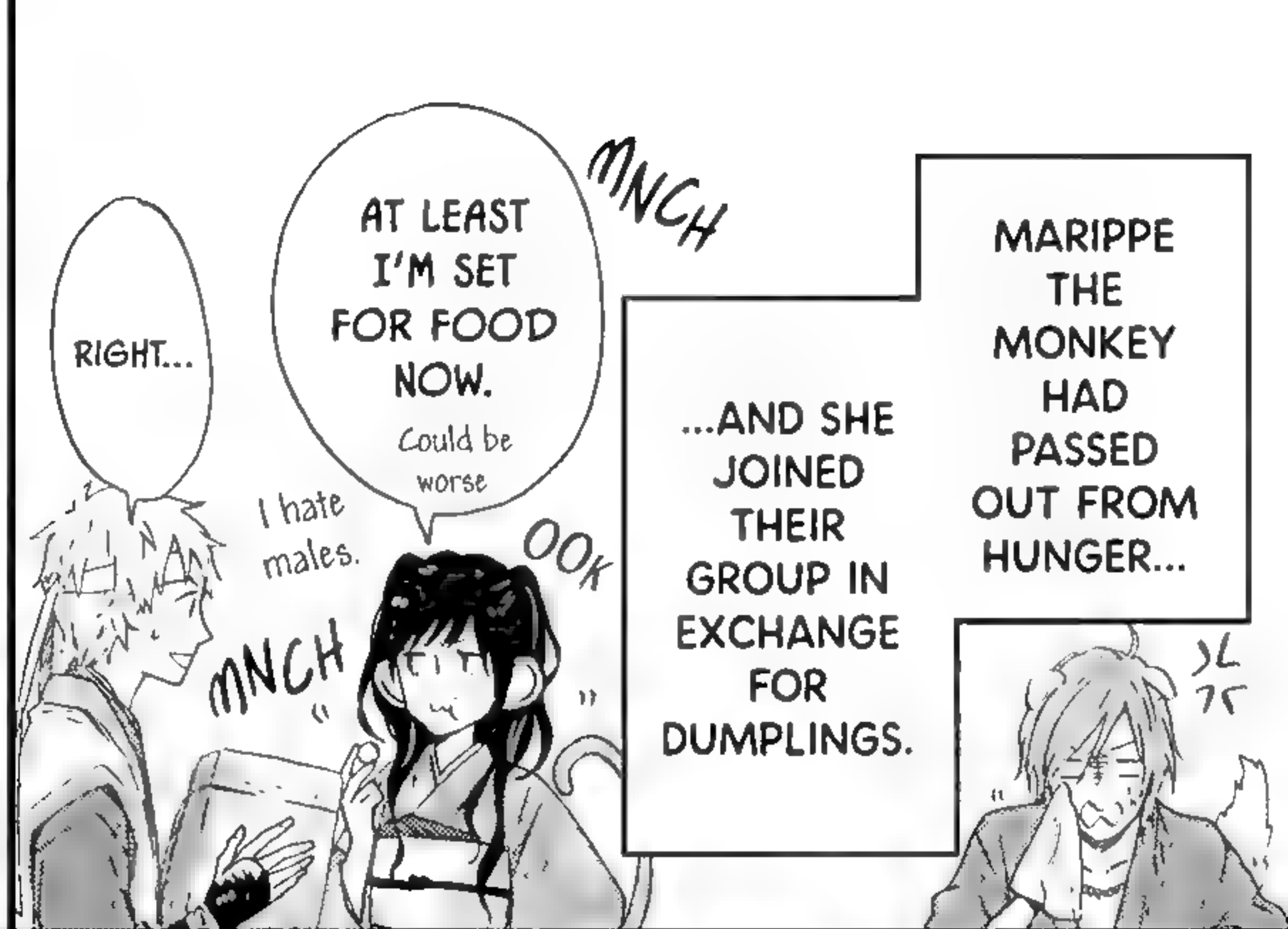


ARE  
YOU  
OKAY?

HEY, A  
CUTE GIRL  
MONKEY.

My lucky  
day!









SOME-  
ONE'S  
COMING!

THE GATE  
OPENED!

TIME TO  
FIGHT  
SOME  
OGRES!

SMUG

OGRE  
ISLAND  
IS  
SCARY!

Even  
if it  
is a  
little  
dorky!

YIKES!  
THAT'S  
TERRI-  
FYING!



!!!

MATT SUN  
(DOG),  
CHECK OUT  
THE OTHER  
TWO.

Also,  
who are  
you?

SO THE  
OGRES  
ARE  
REAL...  
...and  
tasteless.

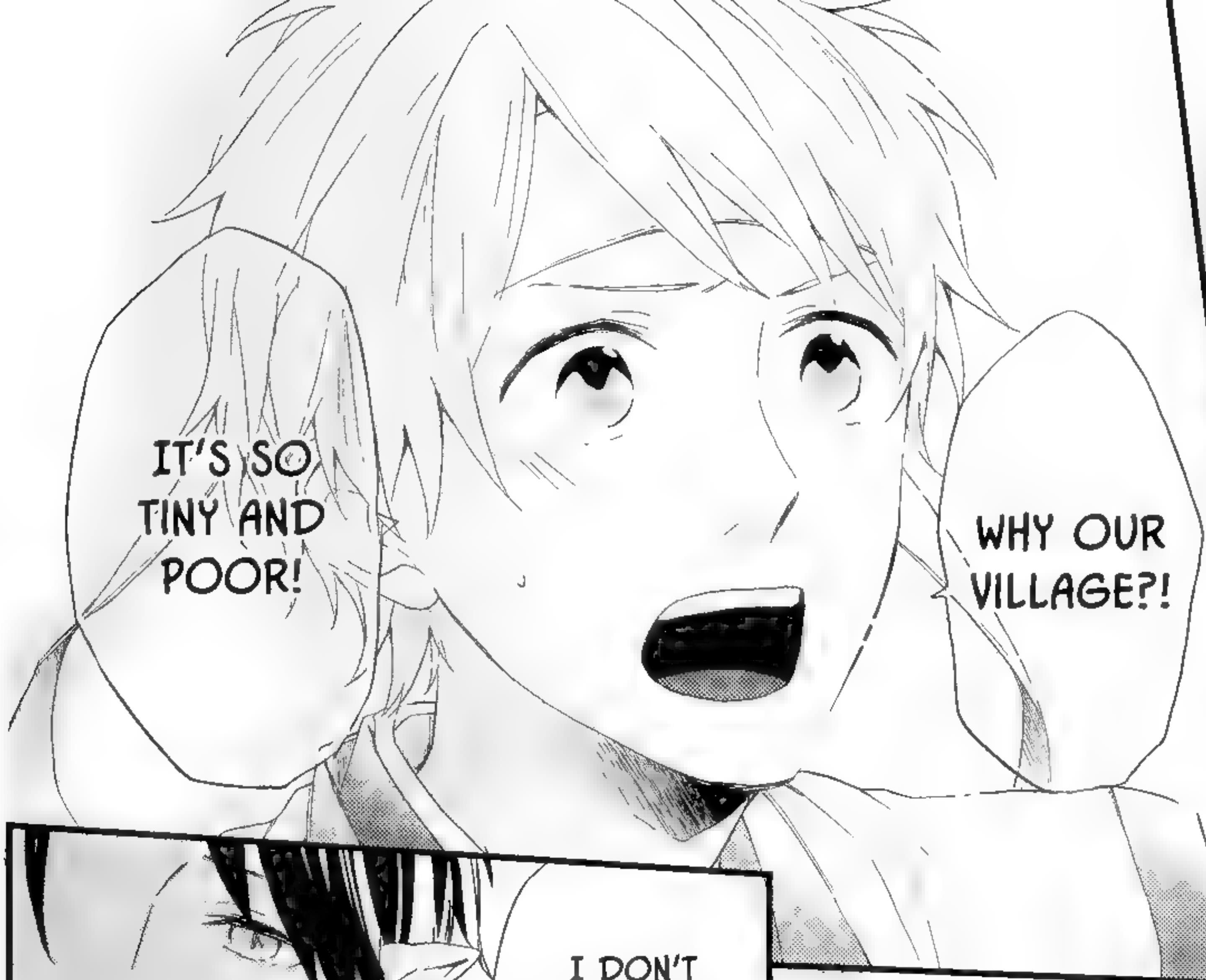
MATCHING OUTFITS!

I'VE BEEN  
EXPECTING  
YOU.









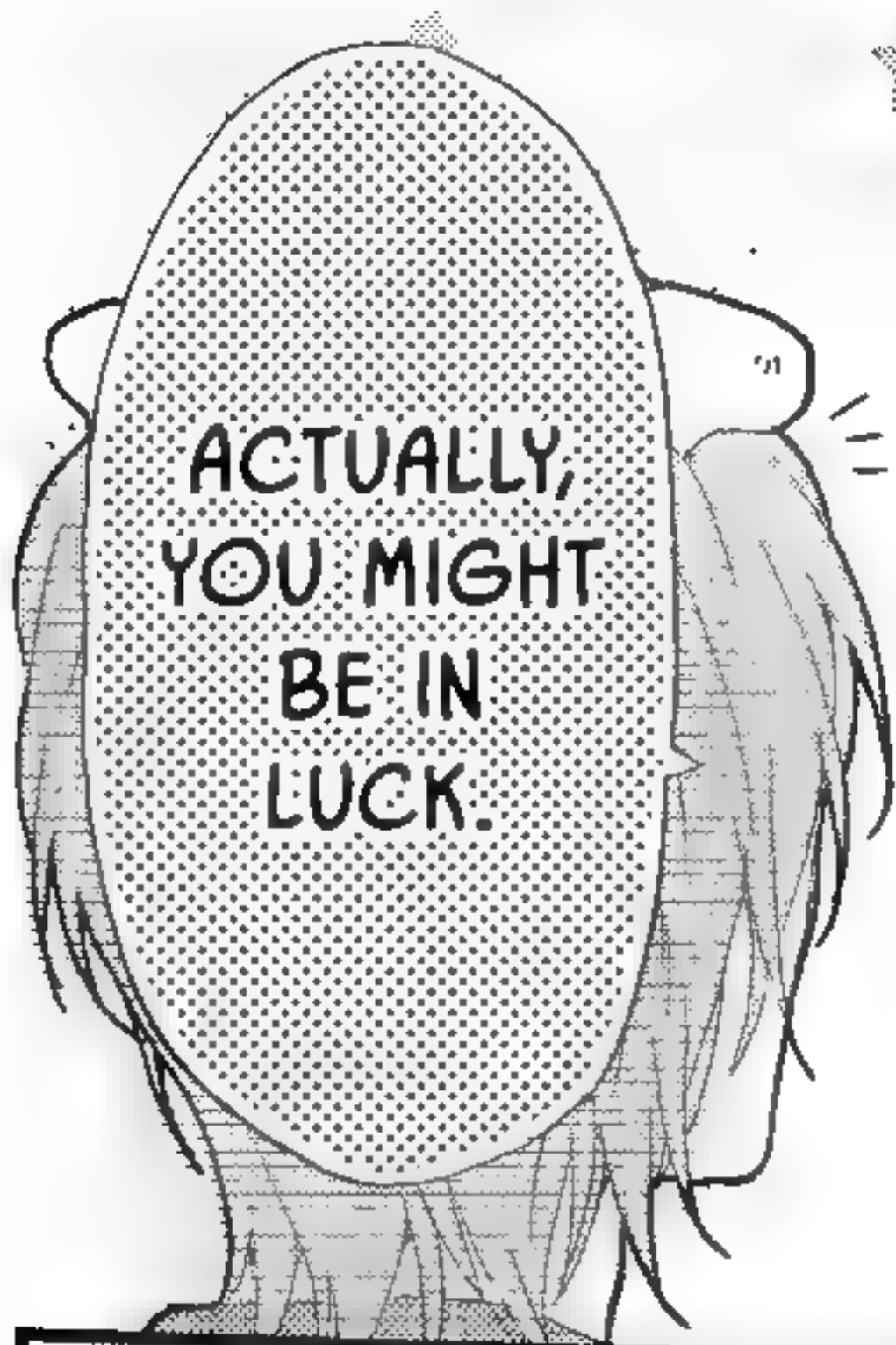
IT'S SO  
TINY AND  
POOR!

WHY OUR  
VILLAGE?!



HEH

I DON'T  
CARE ABOUT  
THAT.



ACTUALLY,  
YOU MIGHT  
BE IN  
LUCK.

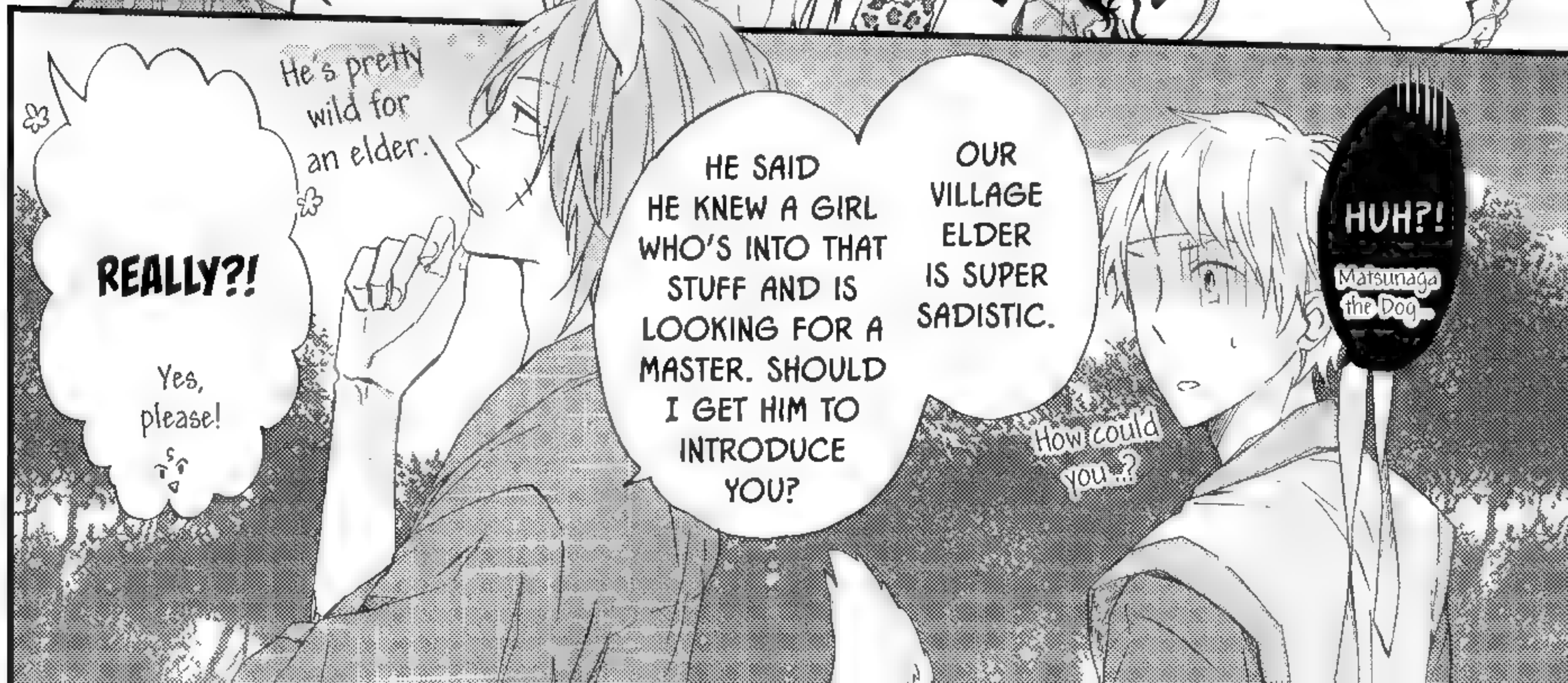
★ He's  
shame-  
less!

M-MAS-  
OCHISTIC?!

I'm a sadist,  
you see!  
You think  
I'll meet  
someone?



I'M JUST  
LOOKING  
FOR A NICE  
MASOCHISTIC  
GIRL.  
♡



REALLY?!

Yes,  
please!

He's pretty  
wild for  
an elder.

HE SAID  
HE KNEW A GIRL  
WHO'S INTO THAT  
STUFF AND IS  
LOOKING FOR A  
MASTER. SHOULD  
I GET HIM TO  
INTRODUCE  
YOU?

OUR  
VILLAGE  
ELDER  
IS SUPER  
SADISTIC.

How could  
you..?

HUH?!

Matsunaga  
the Dog



AND  
SO...

...

SURE,  
SOUNDS  
GREAT.

I think  
me and  
this elder  
will get  
along!

AND  
GIVE YOU  
TREA-  
SURE!

IN THAT  
CASE,  
INSTEAD OF  
ATTACKING  
THE VILLAGE,  
I'LL MOVE  
IN!

Not  
that I  
care

UM...

I  
guess  
that's  
fine.

I DIDN'T  
DO ANY-  
THING.

Spoken  
like a  
true  
man.

I want to  
be a good  
husband,  
you know?

DROP

...THE VILLAGE  
REMAINED  
UNHARMED.

SURE  
THING!



COULD YOU  
SHOW ME  
AROUND  
YOUR VILLAGE  
WHEN WE GET  
THERE?

GASP

B-BMP

AND  
THEY ALL  
LIVED  
HAPPILY  
EVER  
AFTER.



FWAP



S...

BLUSH

THE  
END



## AFTERWORD



Hello to both longtime readers and new readers! Minami Mizuno here.  
Thank you for buying my fourth published book of manga!

This one is *Rainbow Days* volume 1—my first book title that includes a volume number! ♡♡


*Rainbow Days* started as a one-shot, so when I got the okay to make it a series, I was over the moon!

I say this a lot, but...I like drawing guys. ♡

I like girls too, but it frustrates me that I can't draw them the way I imagine them.

Urk... I've got to keep working at it.

I also love getting letters from readers about which character is their favorite. It's fun that everyone has their own reasons for liking who they do. ♡ Incidentally, I still enjoy reading the letters that arrive mentioning character names from *Seishun Trickers*. ♡

Especially this person... →  Thanks!

If you like any characters from *Rainbow Days*, please let me know! That'd be wonderful! For me!

For my last one-shot manga, the theme was "place," so I drew a story set in Sapporo, Hokkaido, my hometown. There's a bit of dialect in it too! Both the main characters are types I like, so it felt like the storyboard was done in no time. (laugh)

Actually, it made me think, "If only I could always be this fast..."

So with luck, volume 2 will be out soon!

I hope we can meet again there! ♡


Bye now!

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When I was working on the original *Rainbow Days* one-shot, I experienced the kind of fateful encounter that makes you go, “This is the one!”


I met the pen barrel of my dreams. For G-pen nibs. Next I’d like to meet the barrel of my dreams for round pen nibs. And quickly, if possible!

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She debuted with *Tama ni wa Konna Watashi to Anata* (We Get like This Sometimes, You and I) in 2006.

*Rainbow Days* was nominated for the 40th Kodansha Manga Award in 2016, and her subsequent work, *We Don’t Know Love Yet*, was nominated for the 66th Shogakukan Manga Award in 2020.





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